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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 28, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the undeveloped lead contained for your office in the report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie dated at New York City on July 26, 1937, requesting investigation at the St. Louis University with reference to Dr. Joseph Cornelius Amersbach.

Please be advised that you may disregard this particular lead inasmuch as it is definitely known that the Dr. Joseph Cornelius Amersbach mentioned therein is, in fact, a brother of Anthony J. Amersbach. Full facts with reference to the family of the fugitive have been developed, and, as stated, you may disregard the lead.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge.

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700 West Virginia Building
Huntington, West Virginia.
July 27, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MOORE
was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly forward, at your earliest convenience,
copy of photograph of BENSA, GROVES for assistance of this office
in covering leads presently outstanding in this District.

Very truly yours,

AJS/MH

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CC - Bureau ✓

J. D. REYNOLDS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chapman Fletcher
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

CLEVELAND OHIO
July 28, 1937

BREKID OUTBOARD MOTOR FOUND HUNTERS HOME LEAVITTSBURG OHIO DESCRIBED PAGES
THIRTY SEVEN AND FORTY FIVE REPORT BY WYNN CLEVELAND OHIO MAY FIVE NINETEEN
THIRTY SIX OF WHICH YOU HAVE COPY

MAC FARLAND

cc-Bureau ✓
Cincinnati
Chicago

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 23, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: BREKID

Edward G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley dated at New York City April 19th, 1937, to this office, with a carbon copy indicated for your office, wherein a request was contained for a review of the file by the Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland offices for the purpose of determining the nature of any property belonging to Dolores Delaney being held by the Bureau, in order that Dolores Delaney might be appropriately advised in the premises pursuant to a letter of request along this line directed by her to Inspector E. J. Connelley.

Please be advised that a review of the files in this case at the Cleveland office reflects, as set out in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in September 1934 on the occasion of the arrest of Dolores Delaney by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, were residing at 3873 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio; that these premises were rented by Karpis under the alias of E. G. Milgroth from Arthur W. Hebebrand, who was recently sentenced at Cleveland, Ohio, for his participation in having harbored Karpis and Campbell; that the Cleveland police first entered the premises at 3873 West 140th Street and were in possession of the premises for an appreciable length of time prior to the arrival of agents of the Bureau; that a detailed inventory was made by agents of the Bureau of the personal property in the house and as set out on page 22 of the above-referred to report "none of the articles listed in this inventory were taken into custody by agents, but were allowed to remain at this address".

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The referred to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall does set out a list of certain papers and evidence which were seized by agents of the Bureau. However, it is noted that all of this evidence was of little, if any, intrinsic value and was not

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in the nature of personal belongings, but was merely such material as would aid investigation seeking the whereabouts of the fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

With reference to the statement made by Dolores Delaney that Special Agent W. B. Matney exhibited to her at Milan, Michigan, certain articles taken from the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, reference should be made to the report of that agent dated at Detroit, Michigan, February 9th, 1936, and it will be there noted that the articles exhibited to her were those articles of little or no intrinsic value mentioned above seized by agents of the Bureau on the occasion of their search of the house in September 1934 and can in no way be described as clothing or furniture. Incidentally, these particular articles are now contained in the files of this case in the Cleveland office.

With particular reference to the personal belongings and the furniture left at the premises at 3973 West 140th Street at the time Dolores Delaney was arrested and Alvin Karpis fled, please be advised that Special Agent E. J. Wynn in connection with investigation in this case at Cleveland, Ohio, particularly in interviews with Mrs. O. W. Blackman, who lives next door to this particular house, has determined that the premises were rented furnished following the raid by Arthur W. Hebebrand and that as far as is known the furniture which was left behind by Karpis and Dolores Delaney is still in the house. With reference to the clothing which was left behind, Mrs. O. W. Blackman has advised from time to time that she understood that Arthur W. Hebebrand distributed a great deal of this clothing among friends and relatives.

As the file indicates, Alvin Karpis definitely abandoned these premises and never made any claim whatsoever for the furniture or personal belongings left behind, and Dolores Delaney was released by the Cleveland police to agents of the Bureau, removed to Chicago, Illinois, where after considerable interrogation she was released, only to again join Alvin Karpis and remain with him until she was arrested in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on or about January 22, 1935, and it appears that at no time prior to her present request has she manifested any interest in the furniture and personal belongings.

Pursuant to the request contained in the letter of reference of Inspector E. J. Connelley, it is requested that, after you have

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reviewed your files in this matter and received appropriate advice from the Chicago office in the premises. I appropriately interview Dolores Delaney at Milan, Michigan, and fully advise her, of course, bearing in mind the suggestion of Inspector E. J. Connelley that the Bureau is powerless to interfere in any controversy she may have with Arthur W. Hebebrand concerning the abandoned property at the premises, 2973 East 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau
Cincinnati
Chicago
Inspector E. J. Connelley
(New York City)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
July 27, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegraphic communication of July 26, 1937, please be advised that in response to your telegram of that date it was ascertained by Special Agent S. K. McKee, of this division, that .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, serial number C-112311, is presently in the custody of Chief Deputy United States Marshal Louis Sevier at Miami, Florida.

The situation with respect to this gun is that after it had been recovered from Duke Randall by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, it was delivered to former Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling at Miami, Florida, for possible future use as evidence, and at approximately the time this delivery was made Mr. Gramling turned this gun over to the then Chief Deputy United States Marshal, Frank Edwards, along with other similar evidence, for safe keeping, and same was placed in a vault located in the office of the United States Marshal at Miami.

It was learned from Mr. Sevier that no receipt was given for this gun, or for the other related property, and that he is merely holding it as a favor to the United States Attorney's office.

Mr. Sevier was advised that he should not relinquish custody of this property to anyone without prior authority, and was told that it would be appreciated if he would inform this office in the event any person endeavored to obtain custody of any of this property.

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Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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July 21, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland Office to the Bureau dated July 16, 1937 in the BREKID case, inclosing copies of letters dated July 15, 1937 to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, Cleveland, from Mr. John C. Cochrane, Attorney, Toledo, Ohio, wherein Mr. Cochrane made certain allegations to the effect that the writer in talking to Bert Angus made certain statements reflecting upon the professional integrity of Mr. John C. Cochrane.

The writer was present at Toledo, Ohio on the occasion of the taking into custody of various defendants in that city charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, remaining in the office of the United States Attorney with Inspector E. J. Connelley while other Agents actually effected the arrest of the various subjects in Toledo, Ohio. After the arrest of the various subjects, they were brought to the Federal Building and in the suite of offices occupied by the United States Attorney they were segregated, each subject being assigned to a particular room. The writer was specifically assigned to fully interrogate Theodore Angus, while Special Agent D. P. Sullivan was, as the writer recalls, specifically assigned to interrogate Bert Angus.

Inasmuch as I was fully acquainted with all the facts as they applied to the harboring situation in Toledo, Ohio, I did on occasions during the time the various persons were held in the offices of the United States Attorney interrogate them briefly. Along this line I recall talking to Bert Angus very briefly on several occasions, but did not obtain from him anything of value. Although I am not positive, I am under the impression at the present time that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan was in the room with Bert Angus on the several occasions that I talked with the latter.

With specific reference to the quotation contained in paragraph three, page one of the above referred to letter of Mr. John C. Cochrane, I desire to state that I made no such statement to Bert

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Memorandum for Mr. Tamm

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Angus as quoted, nor any statement in any way reflecting upon the professional integrity of Mr. John C. Cochrane. I am not acquainted with Mr. John C. Cochrane either personally or officially and know nothing as to his professional reputation in Toledo, Ohio.

Respectfully,


E. J. Wynn
Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 29, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: re - BREKID

The Cleveland office received today from the Bureau the criminal record of Anthony J. Amersbach with aliases, FBI No. 84230. ✓ &

As you know, this individual is under indictment in the Northern District of Ohio charged with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and also as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

It is noted that there is no wanted notice appearing on his criminal record as furnished by the Bureau, and it is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Identification Unit place a wanted notice against his fingerprints, so that the Cleveland office will be immediately advised in the event of his apprehension by any law enforcement agency in the future.

Please be advised that this office was under the impression that an appropriate wanted notice was on file against the prints of the above-named individual inasmuch as he has been consistently carried as a "fugitive" in reports in this case beginning with the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, May 27, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Inspector E. J. Connelley
Chicago
Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

July 21, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland office dated July 16, 1937, forwarding therewith a letter of complaint from John C. ~~Cochrane~~, an attorney, regarding a purported statement made by Special Agent E. J. Wynn during the interview of Bert Angus in Toledo.

I was present during almost all of the questioning of this subject and at no time while I was in the room was he questioned by Special Agent Wynn. Most of the questioning was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and me. It is quite possible, however, that at some time when I was not present Special Agent Wynn did ask Angus some questions. The name of John Cochrane was never mentioned in my presence and I had never heard this name until after reading the letter of reference.

Respectfully,

T. M. McDade

T. M. McDade.

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Edw. J. Brennan

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Cleveland, Ohio
July 29, 1937

H D HARRIS
FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE
1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

BREKID CRIMINAL RECORD ANTHONY AMERSBACH INDICATES RECEIVED

SP COLUMBUS OHIO NUMBER FOUR SEVEN SEVEN FOURTEEN MAY THIRTEENTH

NINETEEN NINETEEN CHARGE AUTO STEALING INDETERMINATE SENTENCE STOP

ADVISE WIRE LENGTH OF SENTENCE AND DATE OF RELEASE AND UNDER WHAT

CONDITIONS

BJW:h

9:35 am

cc - Bureau
Chicago

MAC FARLAND

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 29, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter to the Bureau dated July 16, 1937, enclosing copies of a letter dated July 15, 1937, received from Mr. John C. Cochrane, Attorney-at-law, Toledo, Ohio, which latter letter complained of statements allegedly made by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, which alleged statements supposedly reflected upon the professional reputation of Attorney Cochrane.

Please be advised that, in accordance with telephonic instructions received from Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau on July 26, 1937, Special Agent (A) R. T. Ross personally contacted Attorney Cochrane at his office in Toledo on July 28, 1937, and advised Mr. Cochrane that neither Special Agent Wynn nor any other agent of this Bureau made any such statement, at any time, as was alleged by Mr. Cochrane, and that the allegations are absolutely without foundation.

Agent Ross advises me that Mr. Cochrane did not appear antagonistic toward the Bureau and the only significant remark which Mr. Cochrane made was to the effect that he did not feel that such a matter should go unchallenged, and he, therefore, wrote the letter above referred to.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
July 30, 1937.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

A large number of the lists of ransom bills paid in the above entitled case are presently being maintained in the bulky matter file of the Birmingham Field Division.

I would appreciate the Bureau's advising what disposition should be made of the above matter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Clegg
J. E. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

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7-576-14561 August 12, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

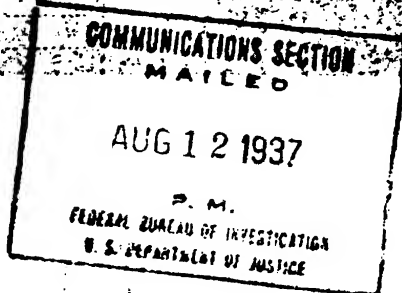
Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated July 30, 1937, in which you requested advice concerning the disposition to be made of ransom lists in the Bremer kidnapping case.

You are hereby authorized to destroy these lists.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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July 28, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is desirous of obtaining as early as possible the original ransom letters in this case, for permanent retention in the Bureau.

Please take the necessary steps in an effort to obtain this material and advise the Bureau in the premise.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N.Y.

EJC:NB

July 31, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the possible issuance of an identification order for the apprehension of Anthony J. Amersbach, consideration has been given to the possibilities that Amersbach will learn of the fact that we know he is wanted at Moundsville, West Va. to complete an unexpired sentence there, if we include this information in the identification order.

While this might cause him to further conceal himself from possible apprehension, still I do not believe we could exclude this from the identification order as it might be construed to the effect that we had missed in the Identification Division the identification of this party as being one and the same individual, and it would undoubtedly have to be included in any criminal record we set out as to him.

At the time the identification order is issued as to Amersbach this should receive serious consideration.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector

cc Cleveland
Cincinnati
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO** L.A. FILE NO. **7-42** GMH

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/29/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/23/37	REPORT MADE BY R. N. PRANKE
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: FRANK VAUGHN, 6523 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California, advises he does not know MILTON LETT, nor could he identify photograph.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. J. ENDRES, Kansas City, dated March 25, 1937; report of Special Agent R. N. PRANKE, Los Angeles, dated July 27, 1937.			
DETAILS: AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA At 6523 Miles Avenue, the writer and Special Agent A. D. HORN interviewed FRANK VAUGHN, who advised that he has been living at the present address approximately two weeks with his wife and two children; that prior to that he had resided at 1723 Ceritos Avenue, Long Beach, California; that he has been in California approximately one year, having come from Chicago, Illinois, where he had been living at Grant and Dodge Streets in Evanston.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Hanson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 1576 14564 AUG 2 1937	
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VAUGHN advised that he did not know anyone named MILTON or JIMMIE LETT and when shown miscellaneous photographs, including those of MR. and MRS. MILTON LETT, he was unable to make any identification. He stated that he formerly was in the liquor racket and knew a lot of people in Coffeyville, Kansas, and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

VAUGHN went on to state that he had been previously interrogated approximately half a dozen times by Agents of the Chicago Division and elsewhere inasmuch as he had known KARPIS and that "mob", and also mentioned that he was questioned concerning the Kansas City massacre; at the time he was interviewed by the Agents, he stated, he gave them all information he could.

In view of this, Agents did not further interrogate VAUGHN inasmuch as it is being assumed that the results of his interviews are set out in previous reports, copies of which the Los Angeles division does not have.

VAUGHN also mentioned that he knew many of the "hoodlums" while he was operating his drug store at 1512 Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

L. A. FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/27/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/21, 25	REPORT MADE BY R. N. PRANKE EM
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGI- TIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. and Mrs. LEN JORDAN reside at 526 Orange Avenue, Apartment 15, Long Beach, California, with his sister, Miss Bertie Jordan. Manager of apartments watching Jordan's premises for Milton Lett. Len Jordan subsequently interviewed advising he knows MILTON LETT but does not know of his whereabouts and that he will notify the Los Angeles field division if he obtains any information. No such address as 1332 Cerritos Street, Long Beach, where FRANK VAUGHN is supposed to live. Vaughn probably living 6523 Miles Ave., Huntington Park, California.

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REFERENCES:

Letter from Kansas City to Los Angeles 6-15-37.
Report of Special Agent E. G. O'Brien, Los Angeles, dated 3-11-37;
Report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Kansas City, dated 4-25-37;
Report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, dated 6-19-37.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Harrison</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 1376 14565 AUG 8 1937	
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DETAILS:

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

In response to reference letter, the writer and Special Agent V. I. Parry drove by 526 Orange Avenue and noted that this address is occupied by the Paradise Court, which is a group of one-story houses attached together with a court in the center, these buildings being in the shape of a horseshoe. The Long Beach Telephone Directory disclosed that the phone number for the Paradise Court is Long Beach 616192, which is listed to ALICE W. JONES, Apartment 1, 526 Orange Avenue.

Agents examined the 1936 Long Beach City Directory, which did not contain the names LEN, LYNN or BERTIE JORDAN nor the name of MILTON LETT, with aliases. Neither did the street directory disclose the name Jordan or Lett living at 526 Orange Avenue.

WALTER LENZ, Captain of Detectives, Long Beach Police Department, was interviewed by Agents regarding the occupants of 526 Orange Avenue but he was unable to furnish any information of value. He did not know Jordan and he could not identify the photograph of Lett.

At the Record Division, Long Beach Police Department, Agents were advised that they had no record for anyone named Len, Lynn or Bertie Jordan.

HARRY LEAMING, mail carrier #114, and Mr. F. B. MATTESON, Superintendent of Mails, were interviewed by Agents and Mr. Leaming advised that in Apartment 15, 526 Orange Avenue, there is residing a Mr. and Mrs. Len Jordan and a woman named Bertie Jordan; that he has not delivered mail there for anyone else; that these people have been living there for approximately six months or so and that he has never seen Mr. Jordan but has seen Mrs. Jordan on several occasions but did not think he would recognize her if he saw her again. Mr. Leaming and Mr. Matteson were shown the photograph of Milton Lett, Akron, Ohio, #26337, but they stated they had never seen him. Leaming also advised that Alice W. Jones is the owner of these apartments but that the managers are Mr. and Mrs. L. Patterson residing in apartment 14, which is right next to the Jordan apartment, and he advised that he believed they could be trusted and bore a good reputation, to his knowledge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. PATTERSON, Apartment 14, 526 Orange Ave., who are the managers for the Paradise Court, were interviewed by Agents. They advised that they have been managers for the past two months and that Mrs. Jones has been the owner of these premises for approximately the same time. They obtained their record book which showed that on January 29, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Len Jordan and Miss Bertie Jordan rented Apartment 15 for \$25.00 a month. They further advised that Bertie Jordan is a sister of Mr. Jordan but that they understand that her husband is in the Soldiers Hospital at Sawtelle, California, but that he has been trying to get

transferred to Oklahoma; that Mrs. Jordan works as a waitress at the Thrifty Drugstore, Fourth and Pine Streets, Long Beach; that Mr. Jordan has been working for some oil company as a well-driller at La Brea, California, or vicinity. They further advised that for the past month or so a red-faced man approximately 30 to 40 years and approximately 5'7" tall, with red hair, has been visiting the Jordans with another woman whom they were unable to give any description of. They also advised that they haven't noticed any foreign automobiles being around the premises except an Oklahoma license which was around several weeks ago but they didn't know where the occupants visited. The Pattersons further advised that about the middle of May, 1937, a long distance call was received at their telephone, which is in the apartment of Mrs. Jones, from Wichita, Kansas, and that when the telephone bill came due they found this call charged to their account; that, upon checking the telephone records, they discovered that Mr. Jordan had okayed the call and that upon questioning him regarding it he stated he did but that the call was not for him and he did not see why he should pay it, which amount was \$3.20, but that he finally did.

The Pattersons stated that as far as they know the Jordans seemed to be very nice people except that they had fights every now and then and that Mr. Jordan curses quite a bit. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were shown the photograph of Milton Lett and they stated that it somewhat resembled the redheaded man a little but were not sure. They stated that they had not seen anyone else around the court resembling Lett. They were given a photograph of Lett and were instructed to notice any visitors or occupants of automobiles who will visit the Jordan family and they promised to immediately notify the Los Angeles field division if they obtain any information at all. They also advised that Mrs. Jones is an elderly woman and did not believe it advisable to let her know any of the facts inasmuch as she might say something. It may be stated that the Pattersons were very cooperative and from their apartment can see anyone entering the apartment of the Jordans from the front; however, they advised that there is a door in the rear also which the Jordans very seldom use. They also advised that the only occupants living in apartment 15 were Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and his sister Bertie. The Pattersons also advised that Mr. Jordan recently had an automobile accident in Long Beach and, believing that possibly someone may have been riding with Jordan at the time of this accident, Agents interviewed Mr. Crawford, Accident Division, Los Angeles Police Department, who advised that at 7:50 P. M., June 15, 1936, Len Jordan, 526 Orange Avenue, hit a man while driving past 334 East Broadway, Long Beach; that Jordan was driving a coupe bearing 1937 California license 2Y-3779 and that the operator's license is 45049.

The Division of Registration advised that the above license is listed to Len Jordan, 526 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, for a 1935 Ford Coupe, motor #1579401.

A letter dated June 25, 1937, was written to the Postmaster at Long Beach, California, requesting that he place a thirty-day mail cover on all first class, special delivery and registered mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and other occupants of apartment 15. Up to the present time a tracing has been received which shows that an air mail letter was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Len Jordan, which was postmarked at Farnsworth, Texas, July 2, 1937, bearing the return address "Mrs. J. E. Green, Box #42, Farnsworth, Texas". Another tracing shows an air mail letter addressed to Miss Bertie Jordan, postmarked Wichita, Kansas, July 1, bearing the return address "Mrs. C. W. Traup (writing not plain), 1815 South Broadway, Wichita". Four other tracings were also received, they being addressed to Bertie Jordan, all postmarked at Wichita, Kansas, two of which bear the return address, 343 North Topeka Avenue, Wichita, Kansas. The other tracing is one addressed to Mr. L. Jordan, bearing the return address "Dr. Albert Hiller, Long Beach, California". These tracings, which have been received so far, are being retained in the Los Angeles division file and it is being left to the discretion of the office of origin to decide whether they desire to conduct an investigation regarding any of the writers.

Mr. C. W. Dunkin, Business Manager, Associated Telephone Company, 550 Elm Avenue, advised the writer that on April 19, 1937, a telephone call was made to Long Beach 618192 from Wichita, Kansas, the caller being Paul Moore and the call was made from Wichita Falls 40069. Mr. Dunkin stated that "G.M.A.C. Corporation" is also written on the slip. No lead is being set out to conduct any investigation regarding Moore, it being left to the office of origin to decide whether or not an investigation should be conducted.

On the evening of June 28, Mrs. Patterson telephoned the Los Angeles field division stating that a woman had been visiting the Jordans and that she somewhat resembled the woman in the photograph that Agent Pranke had previously shown her (The writer had previously shown her and her husband a photograph of Mrs. Milton Lett). She also advised that some man driving California license 8V-4394 had visited the Jordans.

In response to the above telephone call, the writer interviewed Mrs. Patterson, who stated that some bald-headed fellow was driving the car with the California license but that he did not resemble Lett. She further advised that she and her husband had again seen the red-headed man and are now positive that he is not identical with Milton Lett, as the red-headed man has too prominent a nose. She advised that a woman had visited the Jordans on one occasion but that she did not know who she was. The writer exhibited to her the photograph of Mrs. Lett and she stated it somewhat resembled the woman but she could not state positively. Mrs. Patterson stated they had no additional information and that no one resembling subject has been visiting the Jordans.

The Division of Motor Registration advised that 1937 California license #8V-4394 is listed to William J. Corbett, 1754 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, for a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had not seen anyone resembling Milton Lett around their premises and, in view of this fact, it was deemed advisable to personally interview the Jordans prior to the holiday of July 4th, believing that probably Lett might contact the Jordans over the weekend.

On July 2, 1937, the writer visited apartment 15 and there found Bertie Jordan to be home alone. She advised the writer that her folks were living in Coffeyville, Oklahoma; that her home is in Wichita, Kansas; that she has been living with her brother, Len Jordan, since July, 1936; that neither she nor Mr. and Mrs. Jordan had had any visitors from the middle west recently; that they are the only ones residing in apartment 15; that she personally knows most of her brother Len's friends in Long Beach. She denied knowing Mr. or Mrs. Milton Lett and when shown their photographs failed to identify them. She specifically stated that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Lett have ever visited the Jordans as long as she has been with them and that she has never heard Len talk about the Letts. She was advised that the Bureau was anxious to ascertain his whereabouts and she stated that should she obtain any information at all she would immediately get in touch with the Los Angeles field division and at this time she was given the telephone and file number of the Los Angeles field division.

LEN JORDAN was interviewed by the writer the same evening alone, who advised that he has been in Long Beach since December 7, 1935; that the last time he saw Milton Lett was approximately four months prior to that time and that he has not seen nor heard from Lett since then. Jordan stated that during the Fall of 1935 he was living at 343 North Topeka Street, Wichita, Kansas, with several of his sisters and at that time Milton was living with his married sister named MRS. ORA COLLINS in Wichita and that about that time Mr. Collins and his wife, JANE, had a fight; that he believes Jane was living on South St. Francis Street at the time Lett was living with them. Jordan further advised that he has no idea as to where Lett may be but stated that he and Lett are very good chums, having known each other since childhood, and that he feels positive that if Lett knew of his whereabouts in Long Beach that he certainly would contact him.

Jordan went on to say that Milton always had big ideas to do great things in the criminal line of work but that he did not have enough guts to carry them out. He stated that on several occasions back in Kansas Lett would ask him to go with him on minor larceny jobs but that he always refused to go and stated that he does not know whether or not Lett committed them himself.

Jordan advised that should Lett be apprehended that he would not give anyone the time of day because he is of the type who will not cooperate in any way. Jordan advised that Milton Lett's father is dead; that his mother resides in Wann, Oklahoma, and that she is a wonderful woman; that Milton has about three married sisters, one who lives in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, whose name he does not recall; that he also has two or three smaller brothers living with their mother at Wann; that Milton's brother Bud was killed accidentally several years ago; that Milton has a sister whose first name is LELLIA, who is supposed to be living in Santa Monica or Santa Maria. Jordan stated that he formerly went with Lellia but that some time in 1935 she married some man from either Newton, Topeka or Valley Center in Sedgwick County, Kansas; that Lellia's husband was formerly in the refining business in Wichita. Jordan stated that some time ago he received a letter from his sister, Mrs. Ralph (Onie) Ellison, 343 North Topeka, Wichita, Kansas, at which time Onie advised that Lellia and her husband and children were living somewhere in California, and Jordan stated that his recollection was that it was either in Santa Monica or Santa Maria.

Jordan stated that he would have his wife make a thorough search of their home in an effort to find this letter to ascertain her married name, which he did not know, and address and that if they were not able to find it he would again write to his sister, Onie, and ask for the same and that upon receipt of it he will furnish the information to the writer. He also stated that he would, upon receipt of her address, visit them and casually inquire as to the whereabouts of Milton Lett and that if he obtained any information he would immediately advise the Los Angeles field division. Jordan further stated that when he last saw Milton Milton was driving a 1934 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, black color, and that he believed it had Oklahoma license plates on it. He also stated that Milton used to play the guitar while he, Jordan, would play the banjo but that they never played in any orchestra or band.

Jordan was questioned as to who Milton Lett's close friends were and he stated that a fellow named SONNY CROSBY was a very close friend of Milton; that Crosby is from Timberhill, Oklahoma, and is about 35 years old, 5'8" and is rather husky; that Crosby got arrested at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, about 1934, for having trouble with a girl. He further advised that another very close friend is DICK SPRECKER of Coffeyville, Kansas. It is noted in the reference report, dated 6-19-37, that Sprecker has previously been interviewed by the Bureau. Jordan also stated that Milton Lett has a cousin named CLIFF COLLINS in Wichita, Kansas, who is believed to be working at the Innis Workhouse or else working in a furniture store; that Cliff also has a brother, who is Milton's cousin, who is believed to be in the Hutchinson, Kansas, Reformatory, he being sentenced there in 1935 for highway robbery; that Cliff Collins' father and mother rented a rooming house in Valley Center, Kansas.

Jordan also advised that Milton at one time went with a girl named CORKIE CLEMENT, who was originally from Topeka but that he does not know her present whereabouts. Jordan stated that his brother, EVERETT JORDAN, has a cattle ranch at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and that his mother is living with Everett. Jordan stated that Everett also knows Milton but that he doubts very much if he would cooperate with anyone, as he is of the type that will not give any information to anyone. Jordan also advised that he has several snapshots on which Milton Lett appears but that when he left the Middle West he gave all of his pictures to his mother and told her to keep them for him. Jordan stated that should the occasion arise that the writer would wish to obtain copies of these snapshots he would correspond with his mother and endeavor to have her locate some of these snapshots for him. He stated that most of them would have been taken some years ago and, for that reason, the writer did not request him to obtain same at this time, it being left to the office of origin to decide whether they wished to obtain copies. Jordan was shown the Cleveland, Ohio, photograph of Milton Lett and stated that there is a very good picture of Milton, as he looks exactly as he appears in that photograph.

When Jordan was shown the photograph of Mrs. Milton Lett he stated that she looks somewhat familiar to him but he could not place her but believed he had seen her at the Gessen and Diners Dancehall, which is located about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Coffeyville. Jordan stated that as far as he knew Milton was single when he last saw him. Jordan also advised that the photograph of BENSON GROVES No. 38605 looked familiar to him and stated that he believed he had seen that person around Coffeyville, Kansas, years ago.

Jordan stated that his sister Bertie is of the type that will not disclose any information to anyone; that he knows that Bertie has seen Milton Lett on several occasions at their apartment at 343 North Topeka, Wichita, Kansas. Just before the writer left Jordan's home Bertie came home and Jordan asked her if she did not recall Lett and she insisted that she did not know anyone named Lett nor did she recall of him visiting them in Kansas.

Mr. Jordan was advised by the writer that knowledge of Lett's whereabouts was desired. Jordan then inquired of the type of crime Lett had committed and the writer advised him that it was in connection with one of the major kidnaping cases. The impression was given Mr. Jordan that process was issued for Lett's arrest and that if he did not cooperate he, Jordan, might be later embarrassed. Jordan stated that he would cooperate with the Government in any way to ascertain the whereabouts of Lett and that if Lett visits him at his apartment that he will immediately get in touch with the Los Angeles field division, whose telephone number was left with him, and that he would request an appointment

with Agents on some nearby street and that at that time arrangements could be made as to how Milton Lett could be apprehended. Jordan requested, however, that he did not wish Lett to be taken in his apartment nor did he want it known to anyone that he had furnished the information, should Lett be caught. Jordan further advised that he wished any information he gave the writer to be kept in confidence and he was advised that it would be.

Agent subsequently interviewed Mr. Patterson, at which time he was advised that the writer had personally interviewed the Jordans and that they were cooperative. Patterson stated that he thought that they would be, as they seemed to be nice people. He further stated that both he and his wife would keep a strict surveillance on Jordan's apartment at all times and should anyone there resemble Lett he would immediately notify the Los Angeles field division.

With reference to the lead set out in reference report dated March 25, 1937, the writer drove along Cerritos Street, Long Beach, and ascertained that there is no such number as 1332, the numbers skipping from 1100 to 1399. Agent also inquired at 332 Cerritos but was advised FRANK VAUGHN did not reside there. There is also no such number as 1331 or the first three figures of the number.

The writer then interviewed F. B. Matteson, Superintendent of Mails, who advised that he would inquire from his mail carriers whether they know of any Frank Vaughn residing in Long Beach and a letter dated July 8 was received, advising that a Frank Vaughn resides at 1723 Cerritos Avenue but that an order had just been received requesting that his mail be forwarded to 6523 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

No leads are being set out for other offices as the result of the information obtained, as it will be left to the office of origin to determine just what specific investigation should be made, this for the reason that the Los Angeles field division does not have copies of all reports in instant case and does not know whether some of the investigation which would be requested may already have been covered; however, copies of this report are being furnished to the Cleveland, St. Paul, Oklahoma City and Kansas City field divisions for their information and assistance should subsequent investigation be required.

A review of the instant file by the writer subsequent to the report of Special Agent F. E. Wright, Los Angeles, dated September 9, 1936, which RUC'd instant case, shows that the only other outstanding leads pending in the Los Angeles field division is to check at Mojave, and Long Beach, California, regarding Lett.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION at Long Beach will keep in touch with Len Jordan, Apartment 15, 526 Orange Avenue, to ascertain the present whereabouts of Milton Lett's married sister, whose first name is LELLIA and who is believed to be living in Santa Monica or Santa Maria, California. Upon receipt of her name and address, appropriate investigation should be conducted to ascertain whether Lett may be visiting or contacting his sister. At Long Beach will report the results of the mail cover which has been placed on all mail being received by Mr. and Mrs. Len and Bertie Jordan.

At Huntington Park, California, will interview Frank Vaughn, 6523 Miles Avenue, for any information he may have as to the whereabouts of Milton Lett, as mentioned in reference report dated Mar. 25, 1937.

At Mojave, California, as mentioned in reference report dated March 11, 1937, will interview PEGGY MIZE and her husband for any information she may have regarding the whereabouts of Milton Lett, it being remembered that a letter was written to them by Sig Lett, R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma, in February, 1937.

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Los Angeles, California
July 29, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Re: BREKID

Edmond G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 22, 1937, in reference to ascertaining whether or not MILTON LETT is residing with one LYN JORDAN.

This is to advise that LYN JORDAN was located and interviewed by this office, and advised that he has not seen MILTON LETT for several years and does not know his present whereabouts. He advised, however, that LETT has a married sister, name and address unknown, who is supposed to be living somewhere in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, and that he would endeavor to obtain her name and advise the Los Angeles division.

There is a possibility that one A.M. WILLIAMS, living at 3519 Cedar Avenue, Lynwood, California, may be the sister of LETT, and for that reason an appropriate 30-day mail cover has been placed. A discreet investigation will be made to ascertain the identity of WILLIAMS.

The results of the interview with MR. JORDAN have been set out in a report which is in the process of being typed and copies will be forwarded to your office shortly.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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700 West Virginia Building
Martinsburg, West Virginia.
July 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio.

GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN
was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of the Cleveland Division
to all Field Offices, dated July 28, 1937, advising that investi-
gation seeking the whereabouts of BENSON GROVES should be dis-
continued.

Since all of the leads in the above entitled case, in
this District, are for the purpose of locating Groves, this case
is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of
Origin.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Cleveland
Bureau

J. D. REYNOLDS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: **OMAHA 0711**

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*ADAMS ALIAS CHARLES P. CLOUSE MAY BE WANTED BY BUREAU. SUGGEST CONTACTING
BUREAU DIRECT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ADAMS WANTED AT PRESENT BY THIS BUREAU
OR WHETHER INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO INSPECTOR.
FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING ADAMS SEE SUMMARY REPORT B. L. NICHOLSON
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

July 28, 1937

TO ALL FIELD OFFICES:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the circular letter to all field offices dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 20, 1936, relative to BENSON GROVES, with aliases: George Wilson, "Soup", Burns, Corby, B.G. Grayson, Benjamin Grayson, B.J. Grayson, Benson Graves, Burns Corby, "Soup" Groves, Benson R. Groves, Benjamin G. Grayson, Ben Grayson and Benson E. Groves, who was involved with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter in the holdup of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

This circular is the authority for all field offices to discontinue investigation seeking the whereabouts of the above-named individual, and in the future no investigation of any nature should be conducted by this Bureau seeking to locate him, pursuant to instructions contained in Bureau letter dated July 26, 1937, to Inspector E.J. Connelley.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland

J.P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Huntington, W. Va.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter dated July 27, 1937, requesting
a photograph of BENSON GROVES for assistance in covering leads in
your Field Division.

The Bureau has advised that no further investigation
should be made with a view to locating Benson Groves and the
Cleveland Office is instructing all Field offices to discontinue
further efforts to locate this individual.

Very truly yours,

M. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PHONE. BREKID. THIS OFFICE IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHARLES

ADAMS ALIAS CHARLES P. CLOUSE IDENTIFICATION BEING MADE FROM P.O. CIRCULAR.

ADVISE IF WANTED BY BUREAU OR SHOULD INFORMATION BE FURNISHED P O INSPECTOR

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July 28, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CONGRESSMAN J. MARK WILCOX.

The following memorandum is submitted in response to your request for the data in the files showing the connection between Congressman J. Mark Wilcox, Joseph H. Adams and R. T. Knight together with his interest in the defense of Adams.

Joseph H. Adams married the daughter of R. T. Knight in the Spring of 1934. Her maiden name is not known. She had previously been the Secretary to Congressman Wilcox. It has been variously reported that she was in some way related to Mr. Wilcox. This, however, is not borne out by the statement of Wilcox himself who advised Agent Loeb that the wife of Adams had been his private secretary. Shortly after his marriage to R. T. Knight's daughter, Joe Adams became manager of the El Comodoro Hotel. This was in August, 1934.

In his statement to Agent Loeb, Mr. Wilcox advised that he has been a close personal friend of Mr. R. T. Knight, the father-in-law of Joe Adams, for approximately thirty years. By his own admission, he first became interested in Adams' prosecution shortly after the indictments were returned in Jacksonville, Florida. These indictments were returned on February 7, 1935. On this occasion Wilcox visited Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan and explained his interest in Mr. Adams and his family and requested information as to the character of the case against Adams. Wilcox advised that several months later he received a telephone call from Mr. Knight from Miami, Florida, Knight advising that he was leaving at once for Baltimore and requesting Wilcox to meet him, Knight, at the Washington Airport. It was on this occasion that Knight told Wilcox of the plan to meet one Miller in Baltimore. Two days later Knight returned to Washington to again confer with Wilcox. He then disclosed that he had met a man by the name of Sher who claimed to be an official of the Department of Justice and who claimed that for \$10,000 he could arrange for the dismissal of the case against Joe Adams.

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Knight then returned to Miami and some time thereafter the prosecution took the course which was predicted by Sher. This alarmed Knight and resultant thereto he advised Wilcox of these facts telephonically. Wilcox directed Knight to proceed to Washington. Wilcox then called Mr. Keenan, expressing a desire to discuss certain facts with reference to this case. He was advised by Mr. Keenan that the case was being handled by Mr. Walter L. Barlow, and that Wilcox should discuss the matter with Barlow. Soon thereafter, Wilcox and Knight called upon Barlow. Wilcox and Knight then disclosed to Barlow the events which had transpired in Baltimore, at which time Barlow proposed an immediate investigation. During this conversation, Wilcox explained to Barlow that he was interested in Adams because of Adams' wife and her family and that "the object of my call was not so much to get Adams' case dismissed as it was to insist upon the prosecution of the people who had attempted to extort money from Mr. Knight...."

Wilcox, in his statement, declared that, nothing having been done with reference to the extortion plot, he returned to Barlow's office two or three months later demanding the prosecution of the alleged extortioners.

Some time thereafter, Knight received information that one of the conspirators was ailing in health and likely to die; consequently Wilcox again conferred with Barlow and again demanded an expeditious investigation. According to Wilcox, the investigation was again promised by Barlow.

According to Wilcox, nothing having been done on the subject, on September 10, 1936, he and Mr. Knight called upon Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, to whom he disclosed the details of the alleged extortion plot. Wilcox alleges that despite disclosure to the Attorney General, nothing was done with reference to this matter.

In closing his written statement, Wilcox declared that Knight was of the opinion that one of two things happened:

"Either that some one in the Department of Justice has tried to hold him up for \$10,000 as the price of dismissing the case against an innocent man, or that the Department of Justice, realizing that it had no case against Adams and desiring to secure his conviction, sought to entrap Mr. Knight into offering a bribe so as to be in position to force either a plea of guilty from Adams or an indictment of Knight for offering a bribe. I voice no opinion as to the correctness of Mr. Knight's comments but I do find that the actions of the Department have not been such as to reassure him and others acquainted with the facts of the innocence of the Department on either count."

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It is interesting to note that throughout the statement of Wilcox he has not intimated that he was in any way interested in obtaining the dismissal of the indictments against Adams or in convincing appropriate officials of the Department of Justice of the innocence of Adams. On the contrary, he makes every effort to show that his only interest in the case up to that time was to forbid the Department of Justice to authorize an investigation into the alleged extortion plot.

The first intimation that Wilcox would be associated with counsel for defense was contained in a letter of Bart A. Riley, Miami, Florida, May 2, 1936, to Walter L. Barlow, in which he advised that J. Mark Wilcox would assist in the trial on behalf of the defense. In that letter, Riley suggested that a continuance would be asked on several grounds among which was the fact that Wilcox, of defense counsel, was then attending Congress.

When the trial of Adams and Randall came on to be heard at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937, Wilcox was sitting at the counsel table with Riley and Hyde. When the drawing of the jury was commenced, Mr. Charles Carr, in open court, requested to be advised by Riley as to the names of the persons who would be associated in the defense of Adams and Randall. Riley stated in open court that only he and Hyde were of counsel. It was not until the afternoon session of court on June 7, 1937, that Riley declared in open court that he had forgotten to mention that J. Mark Wilcox was also of defense counsel. This appeared to be a very obvious and intentional oversight on the part of Riley. Wilcox was seated at the table at the time Carr made his request but did not offer to correct the statement of Riley. This made it impossible for Mr. Carr to examine the jurors on the question of whether they would be prejudiced because the defense was represented by a Congressman. In view of the Directed Verdict against the Government, no hardship resulted from Riley's failure to advise that Wilcox would be of defense counsel. It is believed, however, that had Wilcox been fair minded and impartial in the matter, he would have corrected Riley at the time the request for such information was made by Mr. Carr.

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On numerous occasions, while the Government was presenting its case in chief, Wilcox would rise and whisper in audible terms to Wiley, who was doing the cross-examining. The table for defense counsel was located very near the jury box and the comments made by Wilcox were clearly audible to the jury. This became so embarrassing to the Government, that Mr. Carr was compelled to complain to the court that the language used by Wilcox should be in subdued tones out of hearing of the jury so that the position of the Government would not be unduly prejudiced.

During the course of the Government's presentation of its case, a collateral inquiry was instituted to inquire into the admissibility of statements obtained by Special Agents from Joseph Adams and Duke Randall. At the conclusion of these hearings, Mr. Wilcox argued in behalf of the suppression of the statements. During the course of his argument, Wilcox used the following derogatory statements with reference to the Bureau:

".....but the great G-Men, - whatever its name is; I confess there are so many bureaus, departments and divisions of this Government that I can't even keep up with the correct names of them, but whatever it is, it is the greatly publicized G-Men Department and I can well imagine how I would feel - --."

At this moment, the court interrupted by saying:

"I can keep up with the real names but I can't keep up with the initials."

To this, Mr. Wilcox replied:

"That's it; the alphabetical arrangement. I would, if some of these highly publicized moving picture heroes who are constantly held up to the public, through their free use of their shooting irons, should come into my office, take me off to a hotel room, and question me for hours, I could well imagine that I would be greatly excited, and I would be greatly unnerved."

The only other active participation of Wilcox in the trial of Joe Adams was his argument for the suppressing and the striking of all of the Government's exhibits, which argument occurred upon the closing of the Government's case. His argument in this instance was moderate and unimpassioned. He argued for the suppression of every exhibit which the Government had introduced. Each motion with reference to each exhibit was overruled.

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I particularly noted that immediately after Judge Ackerman had ordered the Directed Verdict and had left the bench he sent word through his Bailiff to Wilcox requesting that Wilcox see him, Judge Ackerman, in Chambers immediately. I personally overheard this conversation. Special Agent in Charge, B. F. Fitzsimons, who was in Miami for this trial, advised me that immediately after the Directed Verdict, he went to the Chambers of Judge Holland to extend his greetings. It will be remembered that Judge Holland was formerly the United States Attorney in Jacksonville, Florida. Fitzsimons told me that the office girl, by mistake, ushered him into Judge Ackerman's Chambers instead of Judge Holland's Chambers and that he observed in Judge Ackerman's Chambers, Congressman Wilcox.

The United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, also told me after the Directed Verdict had been ordered that on the day preceding, Congressman Wilcox and Judge Ackerman had lunched together.

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Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

KRM:EAM

July 28, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CONGRESSMAN J. MARK WILCOX.

The following memorandum is submitted in response to your request for the data in the files showing the connection between Congressman J. Mark Wilcox, Joseph H. Adams and R. T. Knight together with his interest in the defense of Adams.

Joseph H. Adams married the daughter of R. T. Knight in the Spring of 1934. Her maiden name is not known. She had previously been the Secretary to Congressman Wilcox. It has been variously reported that she was in some way related to Mr. Wilcox. This, however, is not borne out by the statement of Wilcox himself who advised Agent Loebel that the wife of Adams had been his private secretary. Shortly after his marriage to R. T. Knight's daughter, Joe Adams became manager of the El Comodoro Hotel. This was in August, 1934.

In his statement to Agent Loebel, Mr. Wilcox advised that he has been a close personal friend of Mr. R. T. Knight, the father-in-law of Joe Adams, for approximately thirty years. By his own admission, he first became interested in Adams' prosecution shortly after the indictments were returned in Jacksonville, Florida. These indictments were returned on February 7, 1935. On this occasion Wilcox visited Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan and explained his interest in Mr. Adams and his family and requested information as to the character of the case against Adams. Wilcox advised that several months later he received a telephone call from Mr. Knight from Miami, Florida, Knight advising that he was leaving at once for Baltimore and requesting Wilcox to meet him, Knight, at the Washington Airport. It was on this occasion that Knight told Wilcox of the plan to meet one Miller in Baltimore. Two days later Knight returned to Washington to again confer with Wilcox. He then disclosed that he had met a man by the name of Sher who claimed to be an official of the Department of Justice and who claimed that for \$10,000 he could arrange for the dismissal of the case against Joe Adams.

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Knight then returned to Miami and some time thereafter the prosecution took the course which was predicted by Sher. This alarmed Knight and resultant thereto he advised Wilcox of these facts telephonically. Wilcox directed Knight to proceed to Washington. Wilcox then called Mr. Keenan, expressing a desire to discuss certain facts with reference to this case. He was advised by Mr. Keenan that the case was being handled by Mr. Walter L. Barlow, and that Wilcox should discuss the matter with Barlow. Soon thereafter, Wilcox and Knight called upon Barlow. Wilcox and Knight then disclosed to Barlow the events which had transpired in Baltimore, at which time Barlow proposed an immediate investigation. During this conversation, Wilcox explained to Barlow that he was interested in Adams because of Adams' wife and her family and that "the object of my call was not so much to get Adams' case dismissed as it was to insist upon the prosecution of the people who had attempted to extort money from Mr. Knight....."

Wilcox, in his statement, declared that, nothing having been done with reference to the extortion plot, he returned to Barlow's office two or three months later demanding the prosecution of the alleged extortioners.

Some time thereafter, Knight received information that one of the conspirators was ailing in health and likely to die; consequently Wilcox again conferred with Barlow and again demanded an expeditious investigation. According to Wilcox, the investigation was again promised by Barlow.

According to Wilcox, nothing having been done on the subject, on September 10, 1936, he and Mr. Knight called upon Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, to whom he disclosed the details of the alleged extortion plot. Wilcox alleges that despite disclosure to the Attorney General, nothing was done with reference to this matter.

In closing his written statement, Wilcox declared that Knight was of the opinion that one of two things happened:

"Either that some one in the Department of Justice has tried to hold him up for \$10,000 as the price of dismissing the case against an innocent man, or that the Department of Justice, realizing that it had no case against Adams and desiring to secure his conviction, sought to entrap Mr. Knight into offering a bribe so as to be in position to force either a plea of guilty from Adams or an indictment of Knight for offering a bribe. I voice no opinion as to the correctness of Mr. Knight's comments but I do find that the actions of the Department have not been such as to reassure him and others acquainted with the facts of the innocence of the Department on either count."

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It is interesting to note that throughout the statement of Wilcox he has not intimated that he was in any way interested in obtaining the dismissal of the indictments against Adams or in convincing appropriate officials of the Department of Justice of the innocence of Adams. On the contrary, he makes every effort to show that his only interest in the case up to that time was to force the Department of Justice to authorize an investigation into the alleged extortion plot.

The first intimation that Wilcox would be associated with counsel for defense was contained in a letter of Bart A. Riley, Miami, Florida, May 2, 1936, to Walter L. Barlow, in which he advised that J. Mark Wilcox would assist in the trial on behalf of the defense. In that letter, Riley suggested that a continuance would be asked on several grounds among which was the fact that Wilcox, of defense counsel, was then attending Congress.

When the trial of Adams and Randall came on to be heard at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937, Wilcox was sitting at the counsel table with Riley and Hyde. When the drawing of the jury was commenced, Mr. Charles Carr, in open court, requested to be advised by Riley as to the names of the persons who would be associated in the defense of Adams and Randall. Riley stated in open court that only he and Hyde were of counsel. It was not until the afternoon session of court on June 7, 1937 that Riley declared in open court that he had forgotten to mention that J. Mark Wilcox was also of defense counsel. This appeared to be a very obvious and intentional oversight on the part of Riley. Wilcox was seated at the table at the time Carr made his request but did not offer to correct the statement of Riley. This made it impossible for Mr. Carr to examine the jurors on the question of whether they would be prejudiced because the defense was represented by a Congressman. In view of the Directed Verdict against the Government, no hardship resulted from Riley's failure to advise that Wilcox would be of defense counsel. It is believed, however, that had Wilcox been fair minded and impartial in the matter, he would have corrected Riley at the time the request for such information was made by Mr. Carr.

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On numerous occasions, while the Government was presenting its case in chief, Wilcox would rise and whisper in audible terms to Riley, who was doing the cross-examining. The table for defense counsel was located very near the jury box and the comments made by Wilcox were clearly audible to the jury. This became so embarrassing to the Government, that Mr. Carr was compelled to complain to the court that the language used by Wilcox should be in subdued tones out of hearing of the jury so that the position of the Government would not be unduly prejudiced.

During the course of the Government's presentation of its case, a collateral inquiry was instituted to inquire into the admissibility of statements obtained by Special Agents from Joseph Adams and Duke Randall. At the conclusion of these hearings, Mr. Wilcox argued in behalf of the suppression of the statements. During the course of his argument, Wilcox used the following derogatory statements with reference to the Bureau:

".....but the great G-Men, - whatever its name is; I confess there are so many bureaus, departments and divisions of this Government that I can't even keep up with the correct names of them, but whatever it is, it is the greatly publicized G-Men Department and I can well imagine how I would feel - -."

At this moment, the court interrupted by saying:

"I can keep up with the real names but I can't keep up with the initials."

To this, Mr. Wilcox replied:

"That's it; the alphabetical arrangement. I would, if some of these highly publicized moving picture heroes who are constantly held up to the public, through their free use of their shooting irons, should come into my office, take me off to a hotel room, and question me for hours, I could well imagine that I would be greatly excited, and I would be greatly unnerved."

The only other active participation of Wilcox in the trial of Joe Adams was his argument for the suppressing and the striking of all of the Government's exhibits, which argument occurred upon the closing of the Government's case. His argument in this instance was moderate and unimpassioned. He argued for the suppression of every exhibit which the Government had introduced. Each motion with reference to each exhibit was overruled.

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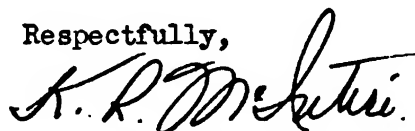
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Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

August 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases
— FUGITIVE
I. O. #1232, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of your office dated July 27, 1937 relative to a memorandum issued by this office to all Field Offices, dated December 12, 1935, wherein a stop notice is requested to be placed at the Motor Vehicles Bureau on a Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772 and serial #2619857, and which is still outstanding in your district.

Please be advised that it is the desire of this office to continue such stop notice until advised to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

August 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
New York City, New York

Re: BREXID *Edward J. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

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Post Office Inspector S. Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn that he has a confidential informant whose identity he does not presently desire to disclose, who is acquainted with Anthony J. Amersbach, who, as you have been previously advised, is a fugitive in the Northern District of Ohio on an indictment returned against him in said district on June 10, 1937, charging him with having harbored Karpis and Campbell and also with being an accessory after the fact in the kidnaping of George Bremer. Post Office Inspector Hettrick advised that his informant stated that Amersbach is presently in New York City associating with one Betty Hoffman, alias Fisher, who was arrested in New York City about 1930 with a man who was an escapee from the State Penitentiary in Joliet, Illinois, and that this particular arrest in New York City caused considerable publicity and that the said Betty Hoffman, alias Fisher, is well known to the New York City police where photographs of her are on file as a result of the well-publicized arrest in 1930.

According to Post Office Inspector Hettrick, Betty Hoffman, in the course of the past few years, has made trips from New York City to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit Anthony Amersbach and it is reported that Amersbach is much interested in this woman.

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Anthony Amersbach taken in 1921 which is reported, however, to be a very poor likeness of him at the present time. The most recent description of Amersbach, obtained as a result of an interview had with him by agents of the Bureau at Cleveland, Ohio, is as follows:

Name
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes

ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH
40 years (born 3/6/96)
5' 8"
190 lbs.
White, except for dark streak down center
Brown, piercing

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Build Heavy
Residence 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Occupation Gambling house employee

It is requested that you conduct immediate investigation seeking to establish the identity of Betty Hoffman and her present location in New York City, bearing in mind she is well known to New York City police and determine whether or not Amersbach is in touch with her and, if so, bring about his apprehension. It should be born in mind by the New York Office that Amersbach is reported to carry firearms and that he at one time, in Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with a hold-up in which several others were involved, shot two Cleveland (Ohio) police officers.

It is requested by the Cleveland Office that the New York Office return the original photograph of Amersbach, which is being enclosed, and that at least twelve copies of this photograph be made and forwarded to the Cleveland Office.

Very truly yours,

KJW:JJO

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-11 CJG

REPORT MADE AT Buffalo, New York	DATE WHEN MADE 8/2/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/31/37	REPORT MADE BY Jerome Doyle
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Records of Owens Dyneto Corp., Syracuse, N. Y. indicate outboard motor, 35 h.p., Elta Motor, Serial #890, Generator #3902, shipped to Outboard Motor Corp., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Little Rock, Ark. Field Division dated July 12, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS: At SYRACUSE, NEW YORK</p> <p>Joseph Brilla, Service Manager, Owens Dyneto Corp., 1920 Park Avenue, advised that no definite records were kept by the above company for shipments of outboard motors in view of the fact that practically all motors were shipped directly to the Outboard Motor Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A few miscellaneous others had been shipped to the Seaway Equipment Co., 45 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City. It was stated by Mr. Brilla that Elta Motor, Serial #890, Generator #3902 was manufactured about seven years ago and that none of its type have been made since 1930.</p> <p>UNDEVELOPED LEADS:</p> <p>The MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION at the offices of the Outboard Motor Corp. will learn to whom that firm shipped above outboard motor and will set out necessary leads to trace motor to its present possessor.</p> <p>For the information of the Milwaukee office, it has been ascertained by the Little Rock office that this motor is presently in</p>			
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the possession of Former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was possibly given to him by Alvin Karpis.

In the event the Milwaukee Office does not find any record of instant motor at Milwaukee, the New York Office should then be requested to make appropriate inquiry at the office of the Seaway Equipment Company.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 22, 1937.

REPORT OF TELEPHONE CALLS

Time: 1:05 A.M.

Mr. F. H. Dixon, 772 Fairmont St., called and asked to speak with the Director. Upon being told that the Director's office was closed at this hour he asked if he could make an appointment to see the Director personally during the day. He was informed that it would be necessary for him to call during the regular office hours to make such an appointment. He stated that he would do so. 9:10 A.M. The files reflect that Mr. Dixon wrote to the Bureau on November 3, 1936 asking what the qualifications were for a Special Agents position. He has no law or college training and was advised that there were no vacancies at that time. waj.

Time: 2:20 A.M.

A party called and stated that he believes the New York Hotel to be a nest of White Slavery under the protection of the local police and should be investigated by the Bureau. He refused to give his name or any further information.

Time: 2:25 A.M.

The Associated Press called and stated that they have a report from Toledo that a body found on a road near there in September, 1934, has been exhumed and identified by Federal authorities as Dr. Joseph Moran, the finger-tip and face surgeon for Karpis, Dillinger, and others. According to the report that they had the Director would announce it officially later. The party calling desired to know if we had any information available on this subject. He was advised that we were not authorized to give out any information and it was suggested that he call back during the day and speak with one of the proper officials.

9:00 A.M. Mr. Tamm advises that this body was exhumed several months ago, and it was definitely determined as not being the body of Dr. Moran. waj.

Respectfully,

/s/ George W. Hall

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
August 3, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 28, 1937, regarding property which Dolores Delaney, who is confined in the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, claimed was being held by the Bureau.

By reference to the letter from the St. Paul Office to the Bureau dated May 6, 1937, it will be noted that Dolores Delaney was interviewed on May 4, 1937, by Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, at which time she was fully advised regarding the property in question.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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Inspector E. J. Connelley

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903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
July 29, 1937

Postmaster,
Lynwood, California

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation which is being conducted by this Bureau, will you kindly place a 30-day cover on all special delivery, first-class, and registered mail addressed to -

A. M. WILLIAMS,
3516 Cedar Avenue,
Lynwood, California

and any other occupants of that residence, forwarding tracings to this office for the attention of file 7-42.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: BREKID

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

August 3, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ⁰BREKID

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In answer to Bureau letter dated July 20, 1937, (7-576), the following information with reference to Anthony Joseph Amersbach is being submitted for the use of the Bureau in the preparation of an Identification Order:

Name: ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Tony Ammersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon

Description as obtained by recent personal observation and interviews by Bureau agents:

Age - 40 yrs. (born March 6, 1896)
Height - 5' 8"
Weight - 190 lbs.
Hair - white except for dark streak down center
Eyes - brown, piercing
Build - heavy
Occupation - gambling house employee

Criminal record: FBI #84230 as supplemented by recent verification by the Cleveland office is as follows:

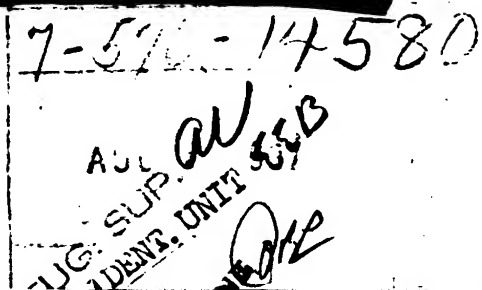
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The letter from the Pittsburgh Office to the Cleveland Office dated March 17, 1937, reflects that at the time Amersbach was released by the West Virginia prison authorities to be returned to the Ohio State Penitentiary as an escape, it was with the understanding that a proper detainer was to be placed at the Ohio State Penitentiary to insure the return of Amersbach to the West Virginia institution upon his release from the Ohio State Penitentiary, but that, however, through some oversight the detainer was not placed, and Amersbach, as a result, was never returned to Moundsville, West Virginia. Reference to this letter also indicates that the West Virginia authorities at the present time desire the return of Amersbach and that he was published as a fugitive in the September 1st, 1934, issue of the Bureau fugitive bulletin.

As pointed out by Inspector E. J. Connelley in his letter to the Bureau, dated at New York City July 1st, 1937, there are reasons to

believe that Amersbach is not acquainted with the fact that the Bureau knows of his fugitive status from West Virginia, but if this information appears on an Identification Order it may cause him to exercise extreme caution to avoid apprehension. As suggested by Inspector E. J. Connelley to omit this information from the Identification Order may be construed to mean that the Identification Division missed an identification. The feasibility of including this information with reference to the fugitive status of Amersbach on an Identification Order is being left to the discretion of the Bureau.

RELATIVES: Father - Andrew Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mother - Deceased.

Brothers - Harry Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.
Phillip Amersbach, State House of
Correction and Branch Prison, Mar-
quette, Michigan, where he is serving
a life sentence.
Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach, office
address: 105 East 53rd Street, New
York City. Residence: Blind Brook
Road, Westport, Connecticut.

Sisters - Beatrice Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. Joseph C. (Anna) Wagner, 1346
East 94th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. John B. (Bertha) Morgan, 12576
Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

OFFENSE: Indicted Northern Judicial District of Ohio, Toledo,
Ohio, June 10, 1937, in three counts as follows:

- 1 - Violation of Title 18, Section 551, U. S. C., in that
Amersbach was an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping
of Edward George Bremer.
- 2 - Violation of Title 18, Section 88, U. S. C., in connection
with Title 18, Sections 408-c and 551, U. S. C., in that
Amersbach conspired with others as an accessory after the
fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

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- 3 - Violation of Title 18, Section 88, U. S. C., in connection with Title 18, Section 246, U. S. C., in that Amersbach conspired with others to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell knowing them to be fugitives from justice in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

A photograph of Amersbach taken December 24, 1931, at the Ohio State Penitentiary was forwarded to the Bureau by letter from the Cleveland Office dated November 27, 1936. This photograph is said to be a very poor likeness of the fugitive, and it is the opinion of agents of the Cleveland Office who have recently observed Amersbach that it will be very difficult to effect an identification of him from this photograph. However, it is the best available and investigation recently conducted by the Cleveland Office has failed to locate a better one.

There are no handwriting specimens of Anthony Amersbach available in this office. However, it is believed that he undoubtedly signed fingerprint cards reflecting previous arrests, and it is, therefore, requested that the Bureau ascertain from the prints on the file with the Bureau under FBI #84320 whether or not he signed the cards in ink.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley (New York)

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August 12, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINIKY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases -
FUGITIVE; I. O. 1233; ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, with
aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING
OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Cleveland letter to the Bureau dated August 3,
1937, transmitting data for the use of the Bureau in the preparation of an
Identification Order on Fugitive Anthony Joseph Amersbach.

You are advised that the criminal record of fugitive Amersbach as
reflected in reference letter is incomplete, and must be completed prior to
the issuance of an Identification Order.

Item 1 records the receipt of Amersbach at the State Penitentiary,
Columbus, Ohio. There is, however, no prior arrest recorded.
You should obtain the complete record of the prior arrest,
including the name under which arrested, number assigned on arrest,
date of arrest, charge and disposition.

These comments are equally applicable to Items 2 and 3.

Item 4 records an arrest in Cleveland, Ohio, but fails to
indicate the name of the department making the arrest, the name
under which subject was arrested, number assigned, date of
arrest, and date of release, all of which should be obtained if
available; if not, appropriate notation should be made.

Item 5 records an arrest by the Cleveland, Ohio, police depart-
ment March 23, 1918 for violation of auto law, but the name
under which arrest was made and the number assigned are not given.

The Bureau desires that you obtain the above information at the
earliest possible moment, and that it be transmitted to the Bureau

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in order that the Identification Order may be issued.

It is also noted that the relatives and the address of each is recorded in reference letter, and it is desired that you advise if this information has been checked within the last three months. If not, the appropriate check should be made, and the Bureau advised prior to the issuance of the Identification Order.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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August 4, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 22, 1936, relative to the prosecution of Alvin Karpis on a charge of murder at West Plains, Missouri.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to whether, in your opinion, there is sufficient evidence available to convict Karpis of this murder, and also as to whether the prosecuting attorney is capable of obtaining a conviction in the event sufficient evidence is available.

The Bureau further desires to be informed as to whether during the recent trial at Willow Springs for the murder of Doctor Davis, the prosecuting attorney gave any indication of contemplating prosecuting Karpis for murder. In this connection your attention is directed to your letter dated February 19, 1937, in which it was stated that Mr. Roberts indicated that he did not wish to begin prosecution against Karpis until the case against Robert Kenyon had been disposed of. You should also inform the Bureau as to what action, in your opinion, should be taken to insure the successful prosecution of Karpis on the murder charges, in the event the prosecuting attorney has indicated an intention of bringing this case to trial.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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August 3, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

With reference to the indictment recently returned against Sam Coker which charged him with being an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and conspiracy to harbor, it is desired that an appropriate investigation be made to determine whether a detainer has been filed against Coker at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where he is presently incarcerated and the Bureau be informed promptly in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dewey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Fox
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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[Handwritten signature]

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

August 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The U. S. Attorney at Toledo, Ohio, in a communication dated August 3, 1937, advised this office that he had on July 1st, 1937, forwarded to the Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, a copy of the indictment returned against Sam Coker, McAlester, Oklahoma, #14023 at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10th, 1937, charging him with having harbored Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio. It appears that the Warden at McAlester, Oklahoma, has never formally acknowledged receipt of the indictment and enclosed letter requesting that a detainer be placed against Sam Coker.

It is respectfully requested that you ascertain at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, whether an appropriate detainer is on file against Sam Coker, #14023.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge.

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7-576-14583

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

August 4, 1937

Mr. George J. Matowits
Chief of Police
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Chief Matowits:

re: Brekid

On June 10th, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio, in the United States District Court an indictment was returned against Anthony Joseph Amersbach, charging him with a violation of Title 18, Section 551, U. S. Code, in that he was an accessory after the fact to kidnaping and also with a violation of Title 18, Section 56, U. S. C., in connection with Title 18, Section 246, U. S. C., in that he conspired with others to harbor and conceal federal fugitives from justice: namely, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who were wanted for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17th, 1934.

Federal process is presently outstanding for Amersbach under the aforementioned indictment and his apprehension is desired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Tony Amersbach and George Young, was sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio from Cleveland, Ohio, in December 1921 on a charge of entering an uninhabited dwelling under sentence of five to fifteen years. In connection with the crime committed at Cleveland, Ohio, as you will recall, one of the police officers of your department was badly wounded.

The best available description of Amersbach at the present time is as follows:

Age - 40 yrs. born 3/6/96
Height - 5' 8"
Weight - 190 lbs.

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Hair - white except for dark streak
down center
Eyes - brown, piercing
Build - heavy
Occupation - until about 5/10/37 employed as a
gambler at the Harvard Club situated
in Newburgh Heights, Cuyahoga County,
Ohio

Relatives in
Cleveland: brother:

Harry Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue

sisters:

Beatrice Amersbach, 7124 Clark Ave.
Mrs. Joseph G. (Anna) Wagner,
1346 East 94th Street
Mrs. John B. (Bertha) Morgan,
12576 Lake Avenue

The FBI will greatly appreciate your bringing to the
attention of the officers of the Cleveland Police Department
the fact that Amersbach is being sought by the Federal Bureau
of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge.

EFW:h

cc: Bureau
Cincinnati
Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska
August 2, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my telephone call to the Bureau on July 30, 1937, requesting that this office be informed as to whether CHARLES P. CLOUSE was still wanted by the Bureau in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul.

Inquiry was based on information furnished by Thomas J. Dunn, 815 Commercial Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, who called at the Omaha Field Office on July 30th and advised that for the past year or two he had noticed in the Post Office Building at Omaha, Nebraska, a wanted notice on CHARLES P. CLOUSE, wanted for bank robbery and that he was positive he had come in contact with this individual on several occasions. He stated that CLOUSE had been working for the past year or so in the Omaha vicinity, employed by the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company and the Iten Biscuit Company, also, by the Nebraska Power Company.

Mr. Dunn further advised he had observed this individual, whom he identified as CLOUSE, playing cards at Ben Kennedy's place, a card room in Omaha, Nebraska.

No record of a wanted notice of Identification Order on this individual could be located at the Omaha Office and I accompanied Mr. Dunn to the Post Office Building and there observed a Post-Office Circular for the apprehension of CHARLES P. CLOUSE, wanted for mail robbery and not bank robbery. The circular offered a reward of \$2,000.00.

This information was furnished the Cincinnati Office to determine if CLOUSE was still wanted and inquiry was also directed to the Bureau. Upon receipt of the information from the Bureau, through telephone call placed by Mr. Cornelius that CLOUSE was not wanted by the Bureau, in accord with instructions this information was furnished Post Office Inspector in Charge V. C. Batie, at Omaha, Nebraska.

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It is noted that Mr. Dunn made his identification, not only from the photograph appearing on the circular, but also from description noted thereon, which indicates a scar just back of the left index finger, and which Mr. Dunn stated he had observed, and that this single item had made him positive in his identification, along with his general resemblance to the photograph of the wanted individual.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge

HEF/TMH

cc Cincinnati

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

August 4, 1937

Honorable E. P. Openlander
Assistant U. S. Attorney
Toledo, Ohio

re: Brekid

Dear Mr. Openlander:

Receipt is acknowledged of
your letter dated August 3, 1937, addressed to
Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office, contain-
ing information with reference to the placing of
a detainer by you against SAM/COKER at the Okla-
homa State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma.

Thanking you for your courtesy
in so promptly furnishing this information, I am

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge.

RJW:h

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Memphis, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE 8-4-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-23 & 24-37	REPORT MADE BY M. W. MEEKINS TME
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Unable to locate Horance Lett, at Nashville, Tenn. through check Telephone and City Directories, postal authorities, [REDACTED] police records or individual call upon all "Letts" residing at Nashville located through check City Directory. b7d

- P -

REFERENCE: Report Special Agent John R. Welles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-31-36.

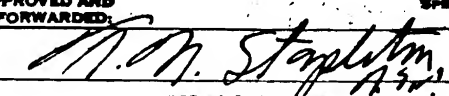
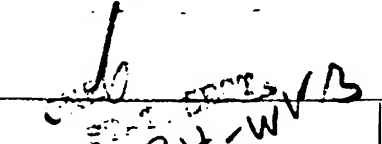
DETAILS:

A check of the current Nashville, Tennessee telephone directory failed to disclose any listings under the surname of "Lett". A check of the current City Directory, likewise fails to list a Horance, John or Milton Lett; however, the following listing were noted to be all the listings of the surname "Lett", (white):

J. Howard (Eunice W.) Lett, Office Manager,
Burroughs Adding Machine Company,
Residence - 1017 Birchwood Avenue.

Earl (Naomi) Lett, driver, 1804 7th Avenue, N.

William (Cynthia) Lett, 1804 7th Avenue, N.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Catherine Lett, widow of George, 1808 7th Avenue, N.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and after a check of his records he informed that he had no record of Horance, Horace, John, or Milton Lett. The same results were forthcoming regarding criminal records from Jack Monroe, Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee. It is to be noted in regards to the check through [REDACTED] that their records are checked daily with lists of "new comers" from reports furnished to them by the Tennessee Electric Power Co., the Nashville Gas Company and the Nashville City Water Works Department. b7c b7d

In view of the above negative information regarding Horance or Horace Lett, all the parties listed under the name of "Lett" as found in the City Directory as hereinbefore set out, were interviewed with the exception of Earl Lett which resulted in the following general information, summarized by William Lett, 1804 7th Avenue, North:

That he moved to Nashville about 40 years ago and has three sons: Earl, Howard, and George, the last two being deceased; that Earl Lett resides with him and has lived in Nashville all his life; that he has no relatives residing in the State of Oklahoma and that Milton Lett, together with all his reported kinsmen are unknown to him. Mr. William Lett informed that he did not know J. Howard Lett, Manager, Burroughs Adding Machine Co.

J. Howard Lett, Manager, Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tennessee was interviewed and he informed he has been with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, for the past eight years and formerly resided at Evansville, Indiana prior to moving to Nashville, about three years ago; that he does not know Milton, Horance, or Horace Lett or others of interest to this investigation.

Superintendent of Mails William S. McKinstry, U. S. Post Office, Nashville, Tennessee was interviewed and he informed that all postal delivery records were based on current issues of the telephone and city directories and that they had no mail delivery records for Horance or Horace Lett; however, Mr. McKinstry circularized all carriers by letter for information concerning Horance or Horace Lett and thereafter Agent was advised by telephone that such had been with negative results.

- P E N D I N G -

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
August 2, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I have today received the following letter from Bart A. Riley, dated July 31, 1937, at Miami, Florida:

"Agent-in-Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir: RE: United States v. Joseph H. Adams
and Hendry (Duke) Randall.

I enclose herewith copy of Petition and Notice which
is self-explanatory.

I have sent a copy of this Petition and Notice to the
Attorney General of the United States, and to Mr. Hooks,
the Assistant District Attorney in this jurisdiction.
The original of the above notice has been filed in court.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Bart A. Riley."

The petition referred to in the above quoted letter is
being transmitted herewith to the Bureau. As only one copy of
the petition was forwarded to this office I have not retained a
copy in the files here. Therefore, it is requested that the
Bureau return the petition when it has served its purpose. You
will note it is returnable in the United States District Court,
Miami, on the 17th of August, 1937, before Honorable John W.
Holland, United States District Judge.

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Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure.

Cc: Cincinnati.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 4602-M)
4603-M)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

v. :

NOTICE OF HEARING

JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENRY
RANDELL, :

Defendants. :

TO:

Hon. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General of the United States;

Hon. Herbert S. Phillips, District Attorney for the Southern
District of Florida;

Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Miami,
Florida;

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have filed in the
above entitled cause, a Petition for the return of certain property
as described in the Petition hereto annexed, and made a part hereof;
that I will call up said Petition for hearing before the Honorable
John W. Holland at Miami, Florida, on the 17th day of August, A.D.
1937, at ten o'clock A.M.

DATED at Miami, Florida, this 31st day of July, A.D. 1937.

Barth A. Rolfe
Attorney for Petitioners, Joseph H.
Adams, Henry Randall, E. H. Rolfe,
and El Comodoro Hotel.

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF DADE) ss:

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Lucile Flichmann, who, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that she is employed in the law office of Bart. A. Riley, attorney for the petitioners, in the above styled cause; that on the 31st day of July, A.D. 1937, at five o'clock P.M. she did mail to Hon. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General of the United States, to Hon. Herbert S. Phillips, District Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and to the Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Miami, Florida, a true and complete copy of the within Notice of Hearing, and the Petition attached thereto, enclosed in envelopes bearing the requisite amount of United States postage, and addressed respectively as follows:

Hon. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.
Attention of Charles H. Carr, Esq.

Hon. Herbert S. Phillips, District Attorney,
Federal Building,
Miami, Florida
Attention of Hon. Lloyd C. Hooks, Assistant U.S. Attorney,

Agent-in-Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Miami, Florida

by depositing said envelopes, properly sealed, stamped and addressed as aforesaid, in the United States Post Office at Miami, Florida.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____
A.D. 1937.

ary Public
lorida at Large

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 4608-M)
4609-M)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

v. :

P E T I T I O N

JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENDRY :
RANDALL, :

Defendants. :

NOW COME Joseph H. Adams and Hendry Randall, M. H. Rolfe, and the El Comodoro Hotel, a Florida corporation, by their attorney, Bart. A. Riley, and respectfully show to the Court that within the last ten days they submitted to the office of the United States District Attorney a petition, requesting that the Court enter an order requiring the United States Government to return to Joseph H. Adams certain books, records and effects of the said Joseph H. Adams, and certain personal belongings of Hendry Randall, excluding a certain automatic gun or rifle, but to include therein one certain revolver and holster, the property of M. H. Rolfe, a deputy sheriff, which was in the possession of Hendry Randall at the time of his arrest.

That the original of said Petition was forwarded to Washington by the Assistant District Attorney in Miami, to the office of the Attorney General, and the office of the Attorney General, so Petitioners are informed and believe, instructed the Assistant Attorney General to request the attorney for said petitioners to amend the Petition and specifically list the property, the return of which is sought.

These Petitioners represent that the Government, through its officials, has full know-

United States Gov-
ernment, through its officials, has full know-
ledge of the books,

papers, records and effects which it, without process of law, took from the El Comodoro Hotel, at Miami, Dade County, Florida, in the month of January, 1935, and from the possession of Hendry (Duke) Randall during the same month. That the United States Government, at the time of the seizure of said books, papers, records, documents and personal effects, did not give to the said Adams, nor to the El Comodoro Hotel, nor to the said Randall, any receipt, which, under the law, they would have given had due and legal process been used for the seizure of such property.

That these Petitioners do not recall all the property so seized and taken by the Government Agents, but know that they took certain registration cards, which are described in a receipt hereto attached and marked "Exhibit A", and certain Guest Arrival and Departure Records described in the letter hereto attached and marked "Exhibit B", all of which papers and records are referred to in copies of correspondence hereto attached, marked Exhibits "C", "D", "E", "F", "G" and "H".

That these Petitioners request the return of the property described herein, as well as the return of one certain revolver and holster, which said revolver and holster were in the possession of Hendry Randall at the time of his arrest, as the same is the property of one M. H. Rolfe, and counsel who signs this Petition is representing Mr. M. H. Rolfe, who was a former Deputy Sheriff of Dade County, Florida.

And Petitioners further request that on a day and at a time to be fixed by the Court, the Attorney General of the United States, or one of his assistants familiar with the above entitled case, and the Honorable Herbert S. Phillips, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, through his Assistant, Lloyd C. [unclear], be directed to take into court all the

books, papers, records and effects described in this Petition specifically, and to then and there report to the court what other personal books, papers, records and effects the said United States Government has in its possession, of the property of Joseph H. Adams, Hendry Randall, or of the El Comodoro Hotel, of which Joseph H. Adams now is, and during the month of January, 1935, was, manager, and that if said Order to Show Cause discloses that the United States Government has in its care, custody and control any other books, papers, records or effects of the parties named, that it be ordered to return the same to the parties named, through their counsel, Bart. A. Riley.

That upon a hearing herein, the Court will direct the return of all books, papers, records, documents and effects listed in this Petition, as well as any other property disclosed at the hearing to belong to these Defendants, or to the El Comodoro Hotel, except one Browning automatic machine gun, which is not the property of any of the parties making this Petition.

Bart. A. Riley
Attorney for Petitioners, Joseph H. Adams, Hendry Randall, M. H. Rolfe, and El Comodoro Hotel.

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF DADE) ss:

T. R. Knight, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is President of the corporation owning the El Comodoro Hotel, in the City of Miami, Florida; that Joseph H. Adams was the manager of said Hotel in 1935, and is still such manager; that the books, records and papers referred to in the above and foregoing petition are in the possession of the El Comodoro Hotel, and

are true, except as to those matters stated to be upon information and belief, and as to all such matters, affiant verily believes them to be true.

J. R. Kruger

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July,
A.D. 1937.

Leo A. Coleman
Notary Public
State of Florida at Large

My commission expires:

9/23/41

Exhibit "A"

Miami, Florida, January 12, 1937.

IN RE: UNITED STATES v. Joseph E. Adams et al.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned, this day, from Assistant United States Attorney, Lloyd O. Hooks, certain original registration cards of the ElComodoro Hotel for the period during the Fall of 1934 and January of 1935, said cards being numbered as follows:

2215	2884	3667	3826	4388
2405	2897	3726	3829	4393
2498	2901	3727	3898	5763
2499	2957	3752	3953	
2730	3402	3794	3954	
2841	3403	3803	3972	
2866	3533	3806	3977	
2881	3555	3807	4065	

said cards being turned over to the undersigned with the express understanding that the same will be returned to the custody of the said Assistant United States Attorney just as soon as the undersigned has had sufficient opportunity to examine same for the purposes required.

Bart A. Riley, of counsel for
defense.

Received from Mr. Riley this 23rd day of Jan. 1937,
all of above described registration cards.

Lloyd O. Hooks, (signed)
Assistant U. S. Attorney.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Exhibit "B"

CFS:MT

Saint Paul,
January 11, 1937.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Re: United States vs. Sawyer, McDonald, et al

Shortly before the trial of Sawyer and McDonald certain books and records of the ElComodoro Hotel were furnished by your department. Some of these books and records were used in evidence at the trial of the above-named defendants. Others were retained in my office.

On January 5, 1937, Mr. Bart. A. Riley, attorney at law, Seybold Building, Miami, Florida, wrote us as follows:

"During Sawyer's trial in St. Paul, you had Mr. Joseph H. Adams, my client, identify certain guest cards, registration cards, departure books, and other records of the Hotel ElComodoro. In regard to these records, I enclose herewith copies of letters I have addressed to Mr. Carr in Washington and to Mr. Nathan in Jacksonville, and I am desirous of having these books and records available for my inspection in the Federal Court here before January 25, and if you have them in St. Paul, will you please cooperate with me, and obtain permission from the proper departmental head, to see that the papers, books and records are sent down here immediately?

Possibly the books and records to which Mr. Riley refers are the different records which were received in evidence at the trial. These, of course, I have no jurisdiction or control over at the present time, since the same were transmitted from the District Court to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Saint Louis, which court is now considering the appeals of these two defendants.

In any event, I am forwarding to you under separate cover:

Guest Arrival and Departure Record of January 1, 1935, up to and including June 18, 1935; also

Arrival and Departure Record from May 15, 1934, up to and including December 31, 1934; also

Bell Boy Call Sheets for many dates during the latter part of the year 1934 and the first part of the year 1935.

I am advising Mr. Bart. A. Riley that these records have been sent to your office. Will you please acknowledge receipt of the same?

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly,

JOHN J. SULLIVAN
State Attorney

Exhibit "G"

In reply refer to
GFS:MT

Department of Justice
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
District of Minnesota

Saint Paul,
January 11, 1937.

Mr. Bart.A. Riley,
Attorney at Law,
Suite 1025-1038 Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Riley:

Re: United States v. Sawyer, McDonald, et al.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5, 1937, wherein you request that I cause to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Federal Court at Miami, Florida, certain books and records of the ElCamodoro Hotel.

I am enclosing herein a copy of a letter this day sent to the Bureau of Investigation, Jacksonville, Florida. You will observe from a reading of that letter that the books and records which your client, Mr. Adams, identified are under the control of the court and are at the present time at Saint Louis, Missouri, where the Circuit Court of Appeals is considering the appeals of the above-named defendants and of course at this time I would be unable to get a transmittal of these records to the Clerk of Court at Miami. The arrival and departure records have, however, been sent to the Bureau of Investigation, at Jacksonville, Florida. I have done this for the reason that such books and records were in the first instance delivered by that office to me.

I note what you say in the last paragraph of your letter, and it would be very agreeable to me to enjoy some of that beautiful weather. But the weather up here is, as usual, most disagreeable at this time of the year. With kindest personal regards, I am

Very yours,

F. Sullivan (Signed)

F. SULLIVAN
Attorney

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Exhibit "D"

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CYC:mt

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 9, 1937

Bart. A. Riley, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams
and Henry Randall - Nos. 4608 and
4609-M Criminal

Dear Mr. Riley:

Your letter of January 5, 1937, relating to the
above entitled case is acknowledged.

The writer has contacted the Federal Bureau of
Investigation and instructions have been given to forward
at once the records of the ElComodoro Hotel referred to in
your letter to the Agent in Charge at Miami, Florida.

It is suggested that you contact the Agent in
Charge and the United States Attorney at such time that you
desire to examine the documents.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Carr (Signed)

CHARLES H. CARR,
Special Attorney.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Exhibit "E"

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

REN:MVS

January 7, 1937.

Mr. Bart A. Riley,
Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 5, 1937, with enclosures, relative to certain records of the El Comodoro Hotel, which were used at St. Paul, Minnesota, at the trial of certain defendants in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case. It appears that these records are presently now in St. Paul and I am communicating with the St. Paul Field Division of this Bureau in order that these records may be returned to this district as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan (Signed)

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JAN 10 1937
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

EXHIBIT "7"

January 5, 1937

Honorable Charles H. Carr
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In re: U. S. vs Joseph H. Adams and Henry Randall,
Nos. 4607 and 4609-M Cr.

I inclose herewith letter which I have addressed to R. B. Nathan, Special Agent, Jacksonville, Florida, which is self-explanatory. The books and records referred to in that letter belong to the ElComodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, and I have heretofore been given permission to examine them, but since I was given that permission, the records have been absent from the State of Florida due to the fact that when Mr. Joseph H. Adams testified for the Government in St. Paul, Minnesota, the Government had the records and papers up there for his identification.

I am sending you a copy of the aforesaid letter so that, in the event the books and records are not in Jacksonville, I therefore ask you to have the books and records sent down here from whatever place they may now be filed. Perhaps Mr. Sullivan still has them but in St. Paul.

I am also sending you a copy of this letter, as well as the R. B. Nathan letter, to Mr. Sullivan.

Yours very truly,

BART. A. RILEY

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EXHIBIT "G"

January 6, 1937

Honorable George F. Sullivan
U. S. Attorney
St. Paul, Minnesota

In re: U. S. v. Sawyer, et al.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

During Sawyer's trial in St. Paul, you had Mr. Joseph H. Adams, my client, identify certain guest cards, registration cards, departure books, and other records of the Hotel El Comodoro. In regard to these records, I inclose herewith copies of letters I have addressed to Mr. Carr in Washington and to Mr. Nathan in Jacksonville, and I am desirous of having these books and records available for my inspection in the Federal Court here before January 25, and if you have them in St. Paul, will you please cooperate with me, and obtain permission from the proper department head, to see that the papers, books and records are sent down here immediately?

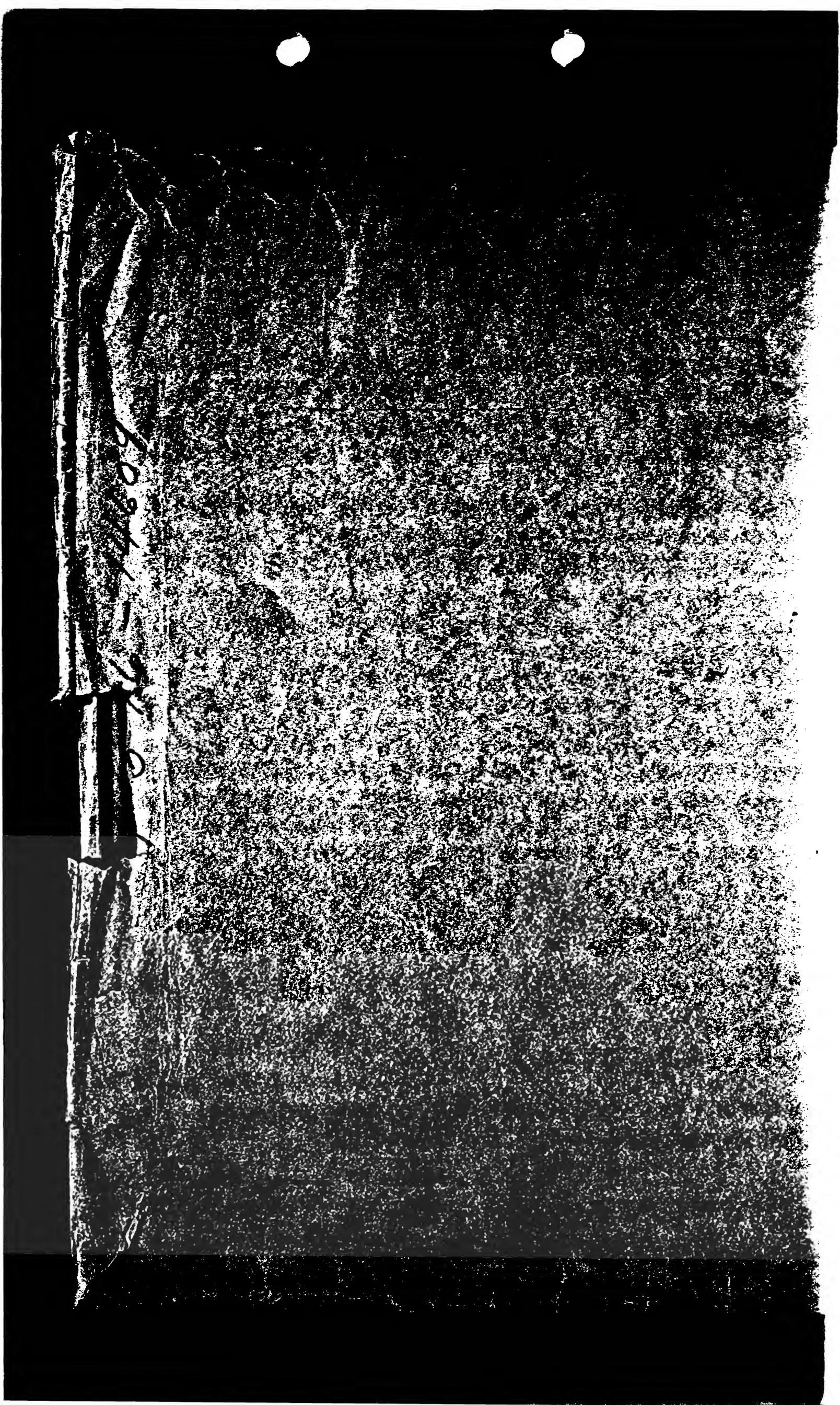
If you are not engaged in any big trials, I would suggest that this is the time of the year to come to Miami. The weather is wonderful, thermometer at about 70, sun shining bright, horse racing at Tropical Park, and everything conducive to a happy life is obtainable.

Sincerely yours,

BART. A. RILEY

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"EXHIBIT "H"

January 5, 1937

Honorable R. B. Nathan, Special Agent,
Federal Building
Jacksonville, Florida

In Re: U. S. vs Joseph H. Adams and
Henry Randall,
Nos. 4608 and 4609-M Cr.

Dear Sir:

At the time of the investigation of the Karpis matter in Miami, Florida, agents of your Department took from the Hotel El Comodoro certain papers, books, records, cards, etc. etc. covering the period from August, 1935, and including January, 1936.

I understand that these documents were later transmitted to St. Paul, when my client, Joseph H. Adams, appeared as a Government witness in the trial of James and McDonald. I am anxious to have the documents sent to Miami, Florida, to the District Attorney's office, so that I may inspect the same. I have to argue some motions in the Adams case on January 25, and I am very anxious that these documents reach here a number of days prior to that date in order to give me time to examine the records.

I have written to Mr. Carr at Washington, and I am sending him a copy of this letter, and I enclose to you a copy of my letter to Mr. Carr.

I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter very much.

Yours very truly,

BART A. RILEY

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August 12, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Miami, Florida.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 2, 1937, to which was attached a Notice of Hearing and a Petition.

In compliance with your request, the said papers are returned to you herewith. There is also attached hereto a copy of the memorandum which the Bureau prepared and directed to Brian McMahon with reference to the return of the personal property of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall.

Please be further advised that the Bureau is in receipt of a memorandum for Brian McMahon dated August 9, 1937, requesting any advice which the Bureau might desire to furnish with reference to the possible prosecution of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall under the National Firearms Act. The Bureau has advised Brian McMahon it will defer to his judgment with reference to any further prosecution in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure.

AIR MAIL

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Edmond G. Bremer

Reference is made to letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley, April 19, 1937 at New York City to the Cleveland office, and letter from the Cleveland office to your office dated July 28, 1937, for the purpose of determining the nature of any property belonging to Dolores Delaney being held by the Bureau.

Please be advised that in addition to the information furnished by the Cleveland office relative to the personal property and furniture left at the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, the report of Special Agent James L. Falen, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania dated February 19, 1935 reveals that following the apprehension of Dolores Delaney at Atlantic City, New Jersey her personal effects as well as the clothing found at Atlantic City were turned over to her under date of February 11, 1935 and a receipt was obtained therefor and placed in the Philadelphia office files.

It should be noted that Dolores Delaney was not taken into custody by the Cleveland Police Department in September 1934, nor was she released by the Cleveland Police to Agents of this Bureau for removal to Chicago, Illinois for questioning. Accordingly the Chicago office has never been in possession of any of her personal property.

Very truly yours,
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S. M. LADD

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Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau;
Cincinnati;
Cleveland;
Inspector Connelley,
New York City;

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

August 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Edward G. Brennan

Dear Sir:

This Office is in receipt of a letter from the Newark Office dated July 27, 1937, requesting to be advised whether the stop against 1935 Ford V8 Sedan, Motor No. 2044337, should be continued.

In this connection, attention is directed to a letter from this Office dated June 15, 1936, suggesting that stops be placed against the above-described automobile and also a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ322772.

As your Office is the Office of Origin in this case it is suggested that you advise all interested Offices whether stop notices against these cars should be continued.

Very truly yours

AMJ:LJM
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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau
Newark

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7-576-14596
STATION
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

August 4, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ○ BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated August 3, 1937, page four, paragraph two, line one, where mention is made that a photograph of Amersbach was taken December 24, 1931 at the Ohio State Penitentiary and forwarded to the Bureau by letter from the Cleveland Office dated November 27, 1936.

Please be advised that the correct date on which Amersbach had his photograph taken at the Ohio State Penitentiary was on December 24, 1921 and not 1931 as stated in the letter. It is requested that appropriate correction be made on reference letter.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Chicago
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley (New York) &
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:MC

August 4, 1937.

Time: 3:17 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

Mr. Brantley at Kansas City called me advising that Colonel Casteel had brought Edna Murray into town with a matron today and they are out with some Agents now trying to locate the cabin where Earl Christman was treated before he died. Mr. Brantley said he had talked to Edna Murray and she is quite positive she will be able to locate the cabin. She advised that this individual is buried on the same farm as the cabin is located on.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

MJC:EL
7-120

August 6, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the original
and twelve copies of the picture of Anthony J. Amerbach,
as requested in your letter of August 1, 1937. Three
copies of this picture are being maintained in the New
York Division file.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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August 5, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 4, 1937, in the above entitled matter, inquiring as to whether stop notices should be maintained against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772 Serial #2619857.

The Ford automobile mentioned above was registered in Kansas during 1935 in the name of J. M. Lett, 113 E. 8th St., Coffeyville, Kansas.

The Plymouth automobile above described was registered in Ohio during 1935, in the name of Carl Baker, who is identical with Milton Lett. Neither of the above cars has been recovered.

The Bureau has recently instructed that continued efforts should be made to locate Milton Lett in connection with harboring investigations presently being conducted. There is no process outstanding for Lett in this case, but it is understood his apprehension is wanted by the Post Office Inspectors in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery.

All offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicles are, therefore, requested to make a re-check to ascertain if either of these cars is registered at the present time and if no registration is found, appropriate stop notices should be placed against these cars.

CC Bureau
All Field Offices.

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Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

August 6, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau communication dated August 3, 1937, bearing file #7-576, this is to advise that under date of August 4, 1937, this office directed a communication to the Oklahoma City field division, requesting that that division ascertain at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, whether an appropriate detainer had been placed against Sam Coker in accordance with the request of the United States Attorney at Toledo, Ohio.

The Oklahoma City field division is respectfully requested to expedite the transmission of the information desired by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland

J.P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

JPM/lrl
cc - Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY.	DATE WHEN MADE 8-6-1937	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-4-1937	REPORT MADE BY S. B. LANDRUM <i>abc</i>
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BRIMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">NO PREVIOUS RECORD AS LISTED S. P. I.</p> <p>Sheriff Claude Dowdy, Dodge City, exhibited Thompson Sub-Machine Gun #7799, and advised that same was purchased before he took office, and he did not know the name of the vendor. Dodge City Policeman A. F. Long exhibited Thompson Sub-Machine Gun #6999, and City Treasurer E. C. Hathaway advised that same was purchased from J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, Salina, Kansas. Hathaway also advised that Dodge City SO purchased a gun from the company at the same time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. L. Welch, Seattle, Washington, dated 6-30-37			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">At Dodge City, Kansas.</p> <p>Sheriff Claude Dowdy advised Agent that his office had one Thompson sub-machine gun that was purchased before he took office, and that he did not know the name of the concern from whom that gun was purchased. He exhibited the gun to Agent and it was noted that it bore number 7799. The Dodge City SO has only one Thompson sub-machine gun.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Brantley</i> <i>MUS</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 7 576 14596 AUG 9 1937 </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> AUG 9 - A.M. <i>C/S</i> <i>W. W. W.</i> </div>	
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At Police headquarters, Officer A. F. Long exhibited a Thompson sub-machine gun to Agent which bore number 6999. He was unable to advise from whom the gun was purchased; however, he telephonically contacted City Treasurer E. C. Hathway, who stated that the gun was purchased from the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, Salina, Kansas. At Agent's request, Mr. Long ascertained from E. C. Hathway that the Dodge City Sheriff's Office purchased a similar gun from the same company at the time the Police Department purchased instant gun. The Dodge City Police Department has only one machine gun.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:MC

August 6, 1937.

Time: 2:36 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

With reference to the mutilation and destruction of the original ransom money recovered in Havana, Cuba, by Special Agents McKee and Brown, I called SAC Brown at Denver and inquired as to whether he at any time had discussed the taking of this money out of circulation with any Departmental attorney, particularly Mr. Barlow.

Mr. Brown advised he did not at any time discuss this matter with any Departmental attorney.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

August 7, 1937

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC-MIAMI

BREXID. REFER YOUR LETTER AUGUST SECOND RE PETITION FOR RETURN TO
ADAMS AND RANDALL OF CERTAIN PROPERTY. REFER REPORT J. H. HANSON
JACKSONVILLE FEBRUARY TWENTY NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE PAGE FORTYFIVE
AND ADVISE WHETHER FOLLOWING ITEMS NOW IN YOUR OFFICE OR DELIVERED
BY YOUR OFFICE TO USA, CLERK OF COURT, OR USM. ITEMS THREE, FOUR,
FIVE, TEN, TWELVE, THIRTEEN. ASCERTAIN IF THERE IS ANY OTHER PROPERTY
NOW IN POSSESSION USA, USM, OR CLERK OF COURT OBTAINED BY AGENTS FROM
ADAMS AND RANDALL. ADVISE LOCATION OF GOLF BAG TAKEN FROM ADAMS.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:MC

August 3, 1937.

TIME: 6:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREMER CASE

With regard to the Department's inquiry concerning the destruction of about \$13,000 of the original ransom money, located at Havana, Cuba, during January and February 1935 by Special Agents McKee and Brown, I called SAC Shivers at Miami and asked him to check as to whether these Agents at any time discussed the disposition of the money with Mr. Barlow, who was representing the Criminal Division of the Department in the matter at that time.

Mr. Shivers said he would check this matter and call the Bureau tomorrow.

Time: 10:50 A.M. 8/4/37

Pursuant to my request, Mr. Shivers called me and advised that he had talked to Agent McKee and former SAC Alt and learned that at no time had they discussed the disposition of the money with Mr. Barlow.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM.

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607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, New York.

August 9, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Little Rock office, it is suggested that copies of the various types of indictments returned at Toledo, Ohio in the recent harboring and accessories after the fact cases be furnished to the Little Rock office.

Very truly yours,

R. F. CONNELLEY
Inspector

cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Little Rock

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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P. O. BOX # 1525,
PITTSBURGH, PA.

August 9, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

re BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to letter dated at the Cincinnati Division, August 5, 1937, addressed to the Bureau Office at Chicago, Illinois, suggesting that all offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicles check the records of the said Bureaus so as to ascertain if 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, were registered.

Please be advised that on June 28, 1936, George F. Parrish, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, State Road Commission, Charleston, West Virginia, was informed that the two said motor vehicles had been previously registered during the year 1935 in the State of Kansas by J. M. Lett, 135 West 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. Mr. Parrish was requested to make an examination of his records for the purpose of ascertaining if the two motor vehicles herein described were registered within the State of West Virginia subsequent to 1935. Mr. Parrish was further requested that should either of the two automobiles come to the attention of his office, or should J. M. Lett apply for either a title, driver's permit, or West Virginia registration plates, he should notify this office immediately.

On June 28, 1936, this office was advised by the State Road Commission of West Virginia that it had no record concerning either automobile and that a stop notice had been placed against both.

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In view of the contents of the letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Chicago Office, herein mentioned, you may desire to again communicate with the State Road Commission at Charleston, West Virginia, in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTRAINER.
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul
Chicago
Cleveland
Cincinnati
Bureau

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 6, 1937

Mr. A. L. Witherspoon,
Postal Inspector,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the oral request made by Special Agent S. B. Landrum on August 2, 1937, for a thirty day mail cover on all first class mail delivered to 127 South Washington Street, Wichita, Kansas, the residence occupied by Doyle and Ethel Hollingsworth. It is further requested that when tracings are made they immediately be forwarded to the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation in this and other matters of mutual interest.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE: BREKID

7-576-14602

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JUL 1937

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

August 9, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above captioned case, please be advised that Anthony Joseph Amersbach, a former employee of the Harvard Club, is presently a fugitive. An indictment was returned against him at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging him with having harbored Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and further charging him as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Arthur Hebebrand and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman are presently confined in the United States Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, having entered a plea of guilty at Cleveland, Ohio, to the above referred to indictment of June 10, 1937. The fugitive Anthony Joseph Amersbach was closely allied at the Harvard Club, a notorious gambling rendezvous, located in Newburgh Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, as were Arthur Hebebrand and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman. Amersbach disappeared from Cleveland, Ohio, about the middle of May 1937, and it is reported that he embezzled between \$15,000 and \$40,000 of the Harvard Club's money and at the present time Sherry Patton, who is Arthur Hebebrand's partner in the operation of the Club, is seeking to locate Amersbach. It is known that Amersbach was more or less considered Hebebrand's "man" at the Harvard Club and that he acted at times as personal bodyguard for Hebebrand and there is a possibility that even though he had embezzled money from the Harvard Club, he is still on a friendly basis with Hebebrand and Gorman, while at the same time at odds with Sherry Patton.

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With the above idea in mind, it is respectfully requested that you arrange with the officials of the penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, to appropriately cover all correspondence of Arthur W. Hebebrand and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman for the purpose of obtaining some lead as to the present whereabouts of Amersbach. It is also requested that you furnish the penitentiary officials with the enclosed photograph of Amersbach, which has on its reverse side a complete description, and request the penitentiary officials to be on the lookout for any visitors of Hebebrand or Gorman in the hope

of picking up Aarsbach in the event he visits these men at the penitentiary.

The Cleveland office further requests that you obtain and forward at least three penitentiary photographs of Hebebrand and Corns.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure (1)

cc - Bureau ✓
Cincinnati
Chicago

RAA:rd
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1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

August 10, 1937

Mr. Herbert S. Phillips
United States Attorney
Tampa, Florida

Att: Mr. Geo. P. Ransay, Jr.
Asst. U. S. Attorney

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 6, 1937, in which you advise that you are endeavoring to make final disposition of personal property of Joe Adams, with aliases; Duke Randall, with aliases; and M. H. Rolfe, which was being held by various governmental agencies for use as evidence in the trials of Adams and Randall in Miami during June, 1937.

Pursuant to your request we are advising you herein concerning the present location of the property in question. The United States Marshal's office here is in possession of the following property:

- 1 dark leather golf bag. This apparently is the property of Joe Adams and is mentioned on page 87 of the report of Special Agent J. M. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1935.
- 1 .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, Government model, #0112311; 2 loaded clips for same and 1 light tan leather shoulder holster for same. This arm is mentioned on page 113 of Agent Hanson's report. This gun is apparently the property of M. H. Rolfe.
- 1 wooden box which Randall had constructed for Browning automatic rifle referred to hereinafter; also 1 loaded clip for same. These items are mentioned on page 76 of the report of Agent Hanson.
- 1 Browning automatic rifle "05" Calibre .30, model 1918, manufactured by the Winchester Firearm Company, serial number obliterated but after processing found to be 211349. This gun was obtained from M. H. Rolfe and is located in our office here. It is understood that Messrs. Adams, Randall and Rolfe do not desire the return of this weapon. It is mentioned several times in Agent Hanson's report but especially on page 76 thereof.

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YOUR RECORD OF
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James J. Wilson notified 8-13-37
HSD

Q. J. M.

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U. S. Attorney
8/10/37

Our records show that thirty-five original registration cards of the Barker-Karpis gang at the El Comodoro Hotel, from September 29, 1934 to January 13, 1935, were in June, 1937 introduced in evidence at Miami, in the trial of this case. The records also show that these thirty-five registration cards were turned over to your office on January 12, 1937, and were receipted for by Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks. These registration cards are referred to in Agent Hanson's report beginning on page 100.

There are transmitted herewith bellboy call sheets of the El Comodoro Hotel for many dates during the latter part of 1934 and the first part of 1935. Our records also show that guest arrival and departure records of the El Comodoro Hotel from May 13 to December 31, 1934 and guest arrival and departure records of the El Comodoro Hotel from January 1st to June 30th, 1935 were introduced as evidence in the trial of this case in Miami in June, 1937. We have a receipt dated January 18, 1937, signed by Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks, acknowledging the receipt of these records.

The following papers and property found in Duke Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel in Miami on January 21, 1935, are being forwarded herewith:

wedding announcement of Joe Adams, postmarked Oklawaha, Florida, June 29, 1934;

statement of El Comodoro Hotel dated December 10, 1934, in the amount of \$122.35;

letter to Duke Randall from Pat Browning, auditor of the El Comodoro Hotel, dated and postmarked December 26, 1934;

Occupational license certificate #11229, issued to Duke Randall, to act as an armed guard;

Card dated December 1, 1934 showing Duke Randall commissioned as Deputy of Police in Miami, Shores Village;

Card dated January 9, 1935, showing Henry Randall as a special police officer of the City of Miami;

Special police officer's badge, Miami, Florida, "Armored Truck".

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau
encls.

629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.
August 8, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

RE: BUCKLE.

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office, dated August 5th, 1937, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, with a copy to all offices, requesting that the stop notice placed against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor Number 2044337, and against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor Number PY 352772, be checked and maintained.

For your information, the stop notice on the Ford automobile described above was placed with the Motor Vehicle Division, Des Moines, Iowa, by letter dated June 18th, 1936, and the stop order was placed against the Plymouth Sedan described, by letter dated December 14th, 1935, addressed to the Motor Vehicle Department, Des Moines, Iowa.

It is presumed that you will now request an appropriate check for the registration of these automobiles and for the maintenance of the stop notices placed by this office.

Very truly yours,

E. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

HEF/WMH
CC Bureau
Cincinnati
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7-576-1460
C. G. H.

700 West Virginia Building
Huntington, West Virginia
August 10, 1937

Mr. C. J. Powell
Registrar of Motor Vehicles
State Road Commission
Charleston, West Virginia

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from our Pittsburgh Office dated June 28, 1936, requesting a search of your records in connection with 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044337 and a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, Serial 2619897, and also requesting that the Pittsburgh Division be notified should J. M. Lett apply for either title or driver's permit in West Virginia.

Reference is further made to your answer to this request indicating there was no record on either automobile and that a stop notice had been placed against both.

Inasmuch as this Bureau is still interested in locating these two cars and W. J. Lett, would you be kind enough to search your records for 1937 to ascertain whether or not either car has been registered in the State of West Virginia and whether or not J. M. Lett has made application for either registration plates or a driver's permit. In the event that your records do not disclose any information in instant matter, it is requested that the stop notice placed on these cars and on Lett's application be continued until further notice.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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J. D. REYNOLDS,
Special Agent in Charge.

WRC/...
cc Cincinnati
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
August 10, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Just AIR MAIL -
ATTENTION -
TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

BREKID

I am enclosing an envelope postmarked Anoka, Minnesota, July 28, 1937, addressed to Mr. Edward Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, and enclosures received in this envelope, which are a plain piece of tablet paper and two pieces apparently of wallpaper. Mr. Bremer turned these over to this office for whatever disposition we desire. He could not give any explanation as to who had sent them or as to any clue at Anoka, Minnesota.

The Bureau will note there are initials in the inside of the envelope, which appear to be "S.E.G."(?).

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory examine the handwriting to determine whether same can be identified from the extortion files and that the envelope and enclosures be retained for future reference.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane
E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-14607

Specimens: 7-576-14607 Q14 Sheet of blue lined tablet paper.
" Q15 Three pieces of what appear to be wall paper.
" Q16 Envelope postmarked Anoka, Minn. Jul 28, 1937 6 PM.

Examination requested by: St. Paul

Date received: 8-13-37 ft 9 am

Examination requested: Document - *FPT*

Result of examination:

Examination by: APPEL
*Ans. 8.18.37
JNJ*

AIR MAIL
*cc - Cavin
Chicago
Cleveland.*

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^{plain}
A sheet of cheap pencil paper, designated as Q14, is torn from a tablet and measures approx $8.53" \times 5.3" \times .0050"$ and has a slit in it. It is ruled with 19 B.G. lines on face, starting $1.23"$ from top ($1.26"$ from bottom) & spaced avg dist of $.39"$ apart. Reverse side 22 B.G. lines. Starting $.05"$ from top & $.27"$ from bottom, spaced avg dist $.39"$ apart. The paper contains no ~~writing~~ watermark & is cut along left edge of face. WT. 1.600

Two pieces of wallpaper, designated as Q15, are cut from larger sheets. The one piece contains a ^{glazed} tile design, apparently for use in bathroom or kitchen. It measures approx $.0044"$ thick. The other piece contains a floral design and overlaps another piece of wallpaper containing with a floral design in the form of a wreath by approx $1.7"$. The back of this wallpaper appears as tho it had been glued to a wall.

An envelope, Q16, plain white, fine finish is addressed in handwriting in ink. Meas. approx $5.48" \times 3.5" \times .0044"$. On the flap, on the inside, are the initials 'S.C.G.' in ink. WT 2.728. No watermark.

No identification in ~~affortian~~ letter file.
One latent fingerprint

Photographs of envelope.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FROM
SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

DATE 8-20- 1937

TO: <u>Mr. Nathan</u>	<u>Mr. Potter</u>
<u>Mr. Schilder</u>	<u>Miss Pyles</u>
<u>Mr. Coffey</u>	<u>Mr. Syphers</u>
<u>Mr. Renneberger</u>	<u>Mr. Upton</u>
<u>Mr. Singman</u>	<u>Mrs. Withers</u>
<u>Mr. Burgess</u>	<u>Assembly</u>
<u>Mr. H. M. Clegg</u>	<u>Card Index</u>
<u>Mr. Fallon</u>	<u>Chief Clerk</u>
<u>Mr. Feehan</u>	<u>Files Section</u>
<u>Mr. Gould</u>	<u>Laboratory</u>
<u>Mr. M. C. Hoover</u>	<u>Messenger</u>
<u>Mrs. P. H. Kidd</u>	<u>Posting Section</u>
<u>Mr. J. Kleinkauf</u>	<u>Recording Section</u>
<u>Mr. Knowles</u>	<u>Technical Section</u>
<u>Mr. Murphy</u>	<u>Typing Section</u>
<u>Mr. Peterson</u>	<u>Mr.</u>

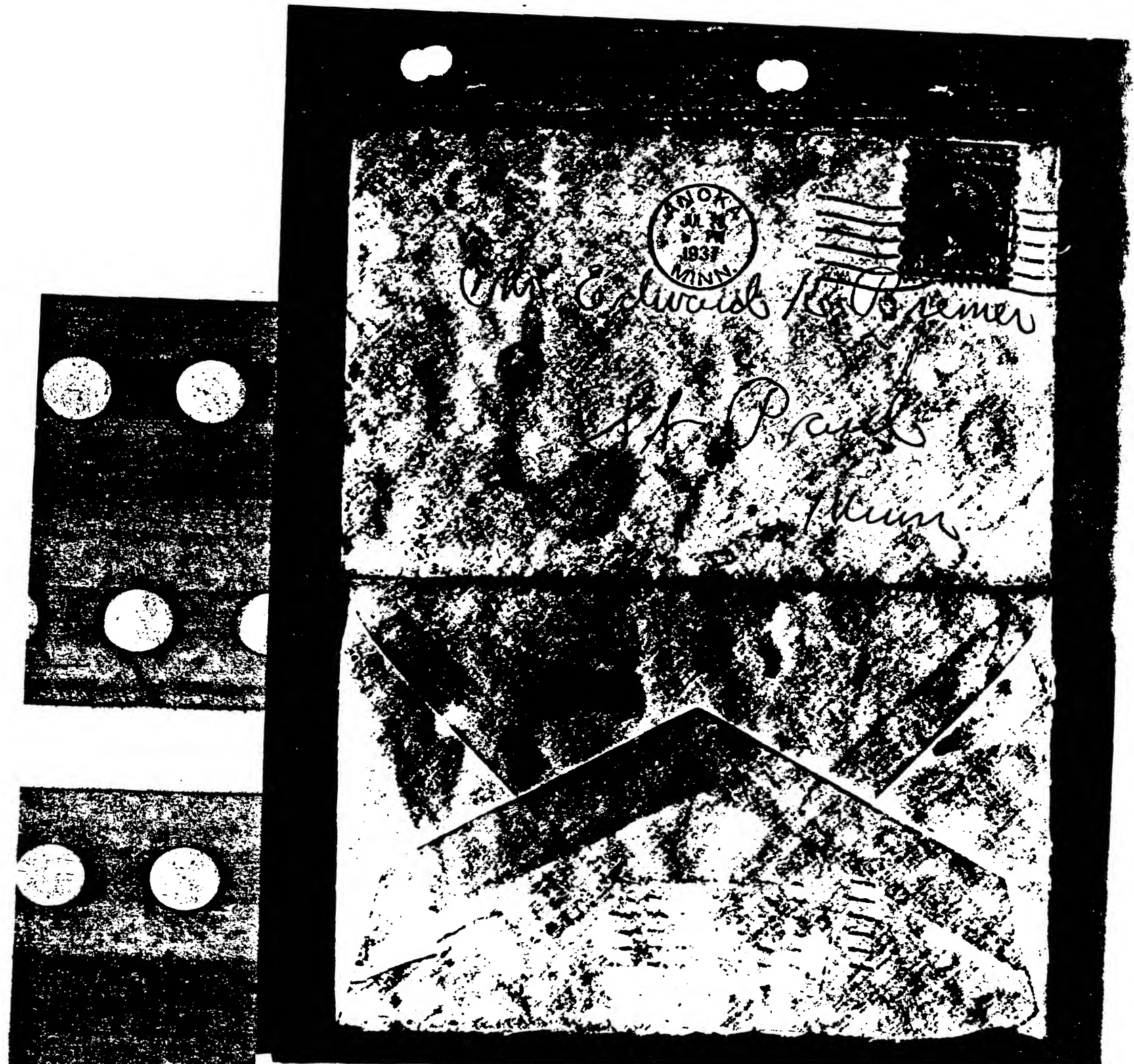
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Please file.

Syphers

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G. J. ENGERT



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Mr. Edward H. Bremer

St. Paul

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Mr. Edward K. Bremer

St. Paul

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August 23, 1937.

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Mr. E. P. Guinane,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
404 New York Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 10, 1937, transmitting one sheet of blue lined tablet paper, three pieces of what appears to be wall paper and one envelope postmarked "Anoka, Minn. Jul 28, 1937 6 PM" in connection with the above-entitled case.

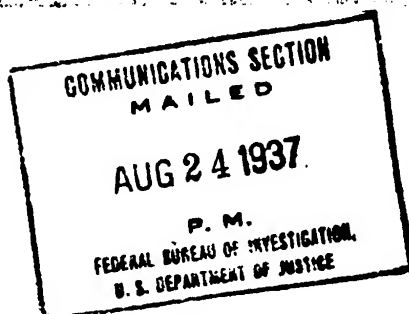
The material submitted has been examined and one latent fingerprint has been found on the outside of the envelope. This latent fingerprint is of value for comparison purposes but does not present sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the single fingerprint file of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

AIR MAIL.

CC: Cincinnati
Chicago
Cleveland.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

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Examination requested by: St. Paul

Date received: 8-13-37 ft 9 am (8-18-37 9:00 A.M. chp)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel
Syphers

*Incoming letter dated
8-10-37.*

AIR MAIL

*8-18-37 - Identiscope negative for
photo.*

8-20-37 - Received photos.

Latent on outside of envelope.

*Recd
8-22-37
J. H. G. 9*

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From: Laboratory

Date 8/17 1937

___ Mr. Nathan	___ Mr. McClintock
___ Mr. Appel	___ Mr. Miller
___ Mr. Baughman	___ Mr. Parsons
___ Mr. Beach	___ Mr. Pfafman
___ Mr. Blackburn	___ Mr. Pickering
___ Mr. Burgess	___ Mr. Renneberger
___ Mr. H. M. Clegg	___ Mr. Schilder
___ Mr. Clark	___ Mr. Q. Tamm
___ Mr. Conrad	___ Chief Clerk
___ Mr. Dingle	___ Files
___ Mr. Donaldson	___ Laboratory
___ Mr. Engert	___ Stenographer
___ Mr. Lovett	___ Messenger
___ Mr. Major	___ Mail Room
___ Mr. McCarthy	___ Mr. _____

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Please Handle _____
Bring File _____

E. P. COFFEY

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

LMC:CJ

July 29, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ERRONEOUS CONVICTION OF
GEORGE SARGENT AND ANTHONY
LABRIZZETTA FOR THE WARREN,
OHIO MAIL TRUCK ROBBERY

On April 24, 1935, a mail truck at Warren, Ohio was robbed by three men who obtained loot consisting of \$72,000 in currency and bonds. Two days after the robbery George Sargent and Anthony Labrizzetta were arrested at Warren in connection with this robbery. They were indicted on this charge during the spring of 1935 and were later convicted by a jury. Judge West, who presided at the trial, held some doubt in his mind as to their guilt and granted a motion for a new trial. The second trial took place during the early part of 1936 which again resulted in a conviction as to both individuals. They were each sentenced to serve a term of twenty-five years in a United States Penitentiary. The case has been pending on an appeal to the Circuit Court since the two convictions and the subjects have been incarcerated in the Cuyahoga County Jail at Cleveland, Ohio, awaiting the outcome of their appeals.

During the Bureau's investigation to apprehend various members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Cleveland, Toledo and vicinity and the subsequent investigation concerning the harboring cases there, information seeped through from time to time that Sargent and Labrizzetta were not guilty of the robbery of the Warren mail truck, but that the actual perpetrators were members of the Barker-Karpis mob. Following the convictions of Sargent and Labrizzetta Post Office Inspectors apprehended John Brock who was wanted in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery, which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935. Brock apparently gave an accurate statement regarding the Garrettsville mail robbery and in addition thereto furnished the Post Office Inspectors with a considerable amount of information with respect to the Warren, Ohio mail truck robbery. A statement which Brock made to the Post Office Inspectors confidentially found its way into the hands of Special Agents of the Bureau and in this statement Brock stated, in substance, that during the latter part of February or the first part of March, 1935, Fred Hunter met him in Tulsa, Oklahoma and suggested

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that Brock might make some money. Arrangements were then made for Brock to meet Hunter at the Loraine Hotel in Toledo, Ohio soon thereafter. Hunter furnished Brock with the money to proceed to Toledo and upon his arrival there Brock stated that he held numerous conferences with Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. During this sojourn in Toledo, Hunter and Brock proceeded to the depot in Warren, Ohio where they watched the Erie train come in, it arriving at 3:00 in the afternoon. Hunter showed Brock the mail truck, whereupon they discussed holding up this mail truck. Hunter thereafter took Brock to the edge of the town in Warren and showed him a shed where they could secrete themselves after the proposed robbery. This shed is allegedly located in the southeast part of Warren, consists of old sheet metal, and is about twenty blocks from the Erie depot.

According to Brock, Hunter had information to the effect that a pay roll was received on the above mentioned train in Warren, Ohio twice monthly on the afternoon train, which pay roll was for the steel mills in Warren. He informed Brock that he was obtaining this information from someone who had either been removed or who had previously been employed by the Post Office at Warren, Ohio. This individual was considered the "boss" and "fixer" around Warren. At the time this survey was being made by Brock and Hunter, Brock asked why Hunter did not take the money at the Post Office, to which Hunter stated that the "man", meaning the "fixer", did not want it done that way but wanted it "taken" at the depot.

Two days later a conference was held by Karpis, Brock and Hunter, at which time a further discussion was had concerning the hold-up of the Warren mail truck. The exact time of the various conversations had by Brock with Karpis and Hunter concerning this robbery is not known but it appears that these discussions took place during the month of March, 1935. According to Brock, he returned to Oklahoma before the robbery took place, which, as previously stated, was on April 24, 1935.

Brock further stated that either during June or July of 1935 Fred Hunter appeared in Tulsa and advised him that the "boys" held up the mail truck in April of 1935; that they made seventy some thousand dollars out of the job, but that they had to give up 25%, 10% going to the man who was formerly employed at or had been removed from the

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Post Office, known as the "fixer", 10% going to Hunter and 5% going to the party who had kept the "boys" in money before they "pulled" the job.

From information disclosed in the Bremer case with regard to the Garrettsville robbery it would appear very likely that the person furnishing money to the "boys" was Joe Roscoe.

Hunter also told Brock that the "boys", meaning Karpis and Campbell, went to New York and got a third man to help them on the Warren mail truck holdup; that they had drawn a "rank", meaning they had been seen or tipped off in the depot, and drove away letting the robbery go for the time; that they then decided to head the truck off before it arrived at the Post Office, which was done. Hunter informed Brock that the "boys" cut in front of the mail truck, thus stopping it, and that Campbell and the man from New York ran back to the mail truck, one on each side, and then took the truck to the shed, which has been mentioned hereinbefore. Hunter advised Brock that the men had the mail messenger in the mail truck but that he got out on them. Brock asked Hunter whether the authorities had not identified two of the men on this job, to which Hunter replied that the authorities had so identified two individuals but that these said individuals were not "in" on the job. Brock and Hunter then discussed the possibility of people being identified on "bum raps", whereupon Hunter stated something to the effect that "he was a smart S— O— B—— and it would do him good".

Brock has further informed that during November 1935 he discussed with Campbell and Karpis the conviction of the two "boys", meaning Sargent and Labrizzetta, at which time Brock asked Karpis and Campbell if the two "boys" who "fell on that rack" were really on that job, and Karpis and Campbell informed him that these men were not "in" on the said mail truck robbery.

The Postal Inspectors would not permit Special Agents to interview Brock concerning Karpis and Campbell and the Agents have intimated that it is their feeling they were not permitted to interview Brock in view of the fact that they might obtain information indicating that Sargent and Labrizzetta were unjustly convicted, as the result of efforts on the part of Post Office Inspectors.

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On August 16, 1936 Special Agent J. L. Madala interviewed Clayton Hall at Youngstown, Ohio. It will be remembered that Hall has heretofore admitted harboring Alvin Karpis at Youngstown, Ohio and Hot Springs, Arkansas. Hall stated during this interview that sometime during the latter part of January or the early part of February, 1935, Fred Hunter came to his house at 134 Ridgewood Street, Youngstown, Ohio in company with a young man whom he introduced as Ray Miller, since identified as Alvin Karpis. Hall stated that Hunter introduced Miller as a gambler; that he led him to believe they had "clipped" some "sucker" for several thousand dollars and that this individual was out looking for them and they wanted a place to "cool off". Hall admitted that he fed and sheltered them for a period of possibly two or three weeks at that time and associated with them at various intervals thereafter. He professed to know absolutely nothing of the Garrettsville robbery nor would he admit knowledge of the Warren mail truck robbery. However, he did state that Karpis at one time indicated to him that George Sargent and "another fellow" were serving a "bum rap". Hall advised that Karpis seemed pleased about Sargent's incarceration, stating that he should be in jail as he is nothing more than a "stool pidgeon". In explanation Hall advised that Karpis believed Sargent put "Doc" Barker on the "spot" for the reason that "Doc" Barker had taken Sargent's girl away from him. In this connection George Sargent was an Italian racketeer from Toledo, Ohio. He was formerly the companion of Mildred Kuhlman who was a call girl for the house of prostitution operated by Edith Barry in Toledo, Ohio. During the summer of 1934 "Doc" Barker and several other members of the Barker-Karpis gang frequented the bawdy house of Edith Barry and it was through this means that "Doc" Barker became acquainted with Mildred Kuhlman. Mildred Kuhlman alleged that her life had been threatened by George Sargent, as the result of which "Doc" Barker encouraged her to go to Chicago with him. Thereafter Mildred Kuhlman abandoned Sargent for Barker, which resulted in the "bad blood" between these two individuals.

Information has been obtained indicating that Karpis and Campbell at one time proceeded to Akron, Ohio armed with machine guns in an endeavor to locate Sargent for the purpose of killing him in connection with rumors to the effect that Sargent was trying to put them on the "spot".

In view of the fact that information was being received from

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time to time that the conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta amounted to a miscarriage of justice, Alvin Karpis was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, at which time he advised that he knew definitely these two persons were not guilty of this offense; that, however, he would not furnish any information which might result in their release, for the reason that Sargent had endeavored in every possible way to ascertain his and "Doc" Barker's location and that the only reason he did not turn them in was either because he did not know their whereabouts or was afraid to do so.

On May 8, 1936 Mr. E. B. Freed, the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, addressed a letter to the Criminal Division of the Department in which he expressed a sincere concern over the conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta. He closed his letter with the following paragraph:

"Please understand that I have no desire to interfere where I have no right, nor do I have any desire to unduly burden you, but my great desire for the proper administration of justice, and the performance of duty in respect of the Warren conviction, prompts me to write."

As a matter of information Detective Harry K. Manson of Toledo, Ohio, who has always been considered particularly reliable by Agents working in that vicinity, has advised that he learned through a reliable source United States Attorney E. B. Freed of Cleveland, Ohio and Attorney Marc Wolpaw were alleged to have received \$5,000 and \$2,000 respectively for their efforts to reduce the bond of George Sargent, a notorious gangster who was then being held at the County Jail in Cleveland charged with mail robbery. According to Manson, it is alleged that a Postal Inspector who was "planted" in the cell with Sargent had learned of the facts and the transaction, consequently, fell through. It is further alleged that it was the intention in the plan to reduce the bond so that Sargent could escape to Mexico. The Bureau has no information to substantiate the above allegation.

Recent newspaper articles indicate that on July 17, 1937 the Attorney General forwarded to the President a confidential


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report pertaining to the convictions of Sargent and Labrizzetta for the Warren mail truck robbery and that on July 21, 1937, the President granted these two individuals unconditional pardons in connection with their convictions and sentences for the robbery of the Warren, Ohio mail truck.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

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Department of Justice
Washington

August 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams and
Henry Randall

In confirmation of the telephone conversation of this morning between Mr. McIntire of the Bureau and Mr. Waters of the Criminal Division, you are advised that a copy of a letter dated July 30, 1937, addressed to Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks by Bart A. Riley, counsel for the defendants in the above case, has been received. Attached to Mr. Riley's communication was a copy of a Notice of Hearing to be held August 17, 1937, at Miami, Florida, on a petition by the defendants for the return of property allegedly obtained from Adams and Randall at the time of their arrest. The petition states in part: "to return to Joseph H. Adams certain books, records and effects of the said Joseph H. Adams, and certain personal belongings of Hendry Randall, excluding a certain automatic gun or rifle, but to include therein one certain revolver and holster, the property of M. H. Rolfe, a deputy sheriff, which was in the possession of Hendry Randall at the time of his arrest."

This Division was advised by Mr. McIntire that the revolver and holster referred to are now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami.

A review of the evidence available for prosecution in the outstanding indictments under the Firearms Act reveals that there is no possibility of a conviction of Adams, while it appears that a case might be made out against Randall. The Criminal Division, however, is reluctant to recommend prosecution against Randall because in so far as a violation of the Firearms Act is concerned he was merely carrying out the orders of Adams and it is believed public reaction to a conviction of Randall, who has already spent some time in jail, with a dismissal of the indictment against Adams, would not be favorable. Furthermore, it is quite obvious that Adams was the principal instigator of the Firearms Act violation.

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In view of the foregoing, I should appreciate receiving any comment you may desire to offer relative to the dismissal of the remaining indictments.

No comment should
be made.

Brien McMahon
Assistant Attorney General.

August 12, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
BRIEN MCMAHON

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The Bureau is in receipt of a Petition filed by Bart A. Riley, Attorney for Joseph M. Adams, Hendry Randall and M. H. Wolfe, before the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, calling for the return to the Petitioners of certain property allegedly taken from them by Special Agents of this Bureau. It is further noted that this matter will come on for hearing at Miami, Florida, on August 17, 1937.

Please be advised that an examination of the files of the Bureau disclosed that exclusive of books, records and personal effects of Randall and Adams which are now in the custody of the Clerk of the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, the Bureau is now in the possession of the following items which are attached hereto for appropriate return to Adams and Randall at the time of the hearing August 17, 1937:

- (1) One post card postmarked Fort Pierce, Florida, directed to Mr. Duke Randall and signed "Joe," card postmarked November 7, 1934.
- (2) One letter dated June 29, 1934 directed to "Dear Friend Duke" and signed "Joe."
- (3) One letter postmarked Sumter, South Carolina, directed to Mr. Duke Randall, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, signed "Most sincerely yours, Joe M. Adams" - letter dated October 3, 1934.
- (4) One letter sent in Air Mail enclosure, directed to Mr. Duke Randall, signed "Very sincerely yours, Joe" - letter dated September 25, 1934.
- (5) One letter dated August 13, 1934 directed to "Dear Friend Duke" and signed "As ever, Joe."
- (6) COMMUNAL LETTER on the stationery of the Biscayne Kennel Club, Inc., directed to "Dear Friend Duke" and signed "As ever your friend, Joe."

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Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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August 15, 1937.

- (7) Business card of the Unger Buick Company (card found in Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, January 21, 1935.)
- (8) One postal telegram directed to Duke Randall at the Jacksonville Airport on December 31, 1934 stating "Use own judgment the quickest way - Joe" - (this item was found in Duke Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel on January 21, 1935 and was introduced for identification as Government's Exhibit #31, during the recent trial of Joe Adams and Duke Randall).
- (9) One 1935 Florida automobile registration card issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel on a Ford Coupe, engine #18-1037480 (this was found in Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel January 21, 1935).
- (10) Receipt of Unger Buick Company showing the sale to Leroy Morrison, on December 21, 1934, of a Model '35-48 Buick Coupe, price \$1,080.00 (this receipt was also found in Randall's room January 21, 1935).

You are further advised that there is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, a .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol serial number C-112311 together with a shoulder holster. The revolver and holster were likewise taken from Randall's room on January 21, 1935 and are allegedly the property of M. H. Rolfe of the Rolfe Armored Service.

The Miami Field Division of this Bureau is now in possession of the following additional items which were taken from Duke Randall at his hotel room in the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, January 21, 1935:

- (1) Statement of the El Comodoro Hotel dated December 10, 1934 addressed to Duke Randall indicating that there was due the Hotel \$122.35 for room and cafe service for the period from November 11, 1934 to December 10, 1934.
- (2) One letter dated December 26, 1934 written by Pat Browning, Auditor of the El Comodoro Hotel, addressed to Duke Randall, dunning him for a bill of \$134.89 which was reported to be past due.

Memorandum for Assistant Attorney
General Brien McMahon.

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August 12, 1937.

- (3) One special police officer's card, issued by the City of Miami, Department of Public Safety, on January 9, 1935 to Henry Randall, employed by the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., which card authorized Randall to carry a gun for a period of ninety days. This card is #1448.
- (4) One Deputy Police Commissioned card dated December 1, 1934, issued to Duke Randall by the Clerk of Miami Shores Village.
- (5) Occupational license tax certificate issued by the State Racing Commission, for the State of Florida, #11229, certifying that Duke Randall of the El Comodoro Hotel had paid a fee of \$10.25 and was authorized to work as an armed guard at the Mutual Windows in the State of Florida.
- (6) One special police officer's badge for an armored truck driver also marked "Miami, Florida."

You are further advised that a golf bag taken from the possession of Joe Adams during the course of this investigation in January, 1935, and which contained the Browning automatic rifle delivered by William Harrison to Joe Adams, is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure.

Photostatic copies enclosures retained
in Bureau file.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
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Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial
Cables



Am. American
Cables

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are hereby agreed to

Form 2

DUKE RANDALL

JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT=PAV

Next... Dec 31
For identification
Bureau of Customs, Jacksonville

=USE OWN JUDGMENT THE QUICKEST WAY=JOE, 1258P

1935—FLORIDA AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION CARD—1935

Owner Duke Randall P1 Tag No. 38656

Street Address 51 Commodore Hotel

City Miami County Dade

Date 1/14/35 Make of Car Ford Type Coupe

Engine No. 18-1067480 Capacity 5 Weight 2 - 3

T. C. No. 960615-A Date Acquired 1934 Year Made 1934

Model 40 Serial No. --- 34 Tag No. 202978

Use Pri No. Wheels --- lbs. @ --- per cwt. \$ ---

Amt. Sent with Appn. \$ 10.00 Pas. @ --- each, \$ ---

Additional Paid \$ --- Back Tax \$ ---

MAIL PLATE TO: AS ABOVE

Address _____

Motor Vehicle Commissioner _____

Tallahassee _____

Florida _____

W. H. Becken, Tax Collector

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3-7
1-6th.



Mr Duke Pandall
San Juan Hotel, Hotel Grant
Orlando, Florida
Newark N.J.

PHONE 28111



UNGAR BUICK COMPANY

MILLER V. BISHOP

1201 N. E. SECOND AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

I have sent you
some samples. No need to
return them. I have them
in the car and I have
sent them to you by
air mail. and now they
are on their way to you
by air mail. The bill
is enclosed - (see
enclosure)

POST CARD



Mr DUKE PANDALL

Hotel Grant

MIAMI

FLA

2nd 4th
3-7
1-6th.



"FLORIDA ALL THE YEAR"

San Juan Hotel

250 ROOMS
250 BATHS

Orlando, Florida
June 27-31

Dear Friend Luke's

we are out in the
country on a very beautiful
lake with a good home and
a good boat and the Black
Bass are simply fine I hit
the boat about 4:30 am and
fish until 9 am and you
take about a breakfast eat
like a horse and start out again
at six pm and fish until 8:30
day it is simply great. tomorrow
we will leave for a little town
called Etowah Tenn. Sunday
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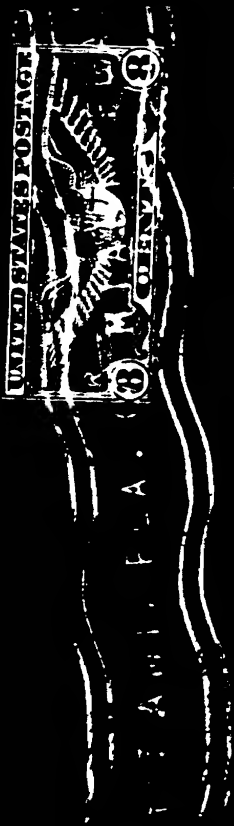
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Kindest regards
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to you

Joe Adams

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.
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Hale Court
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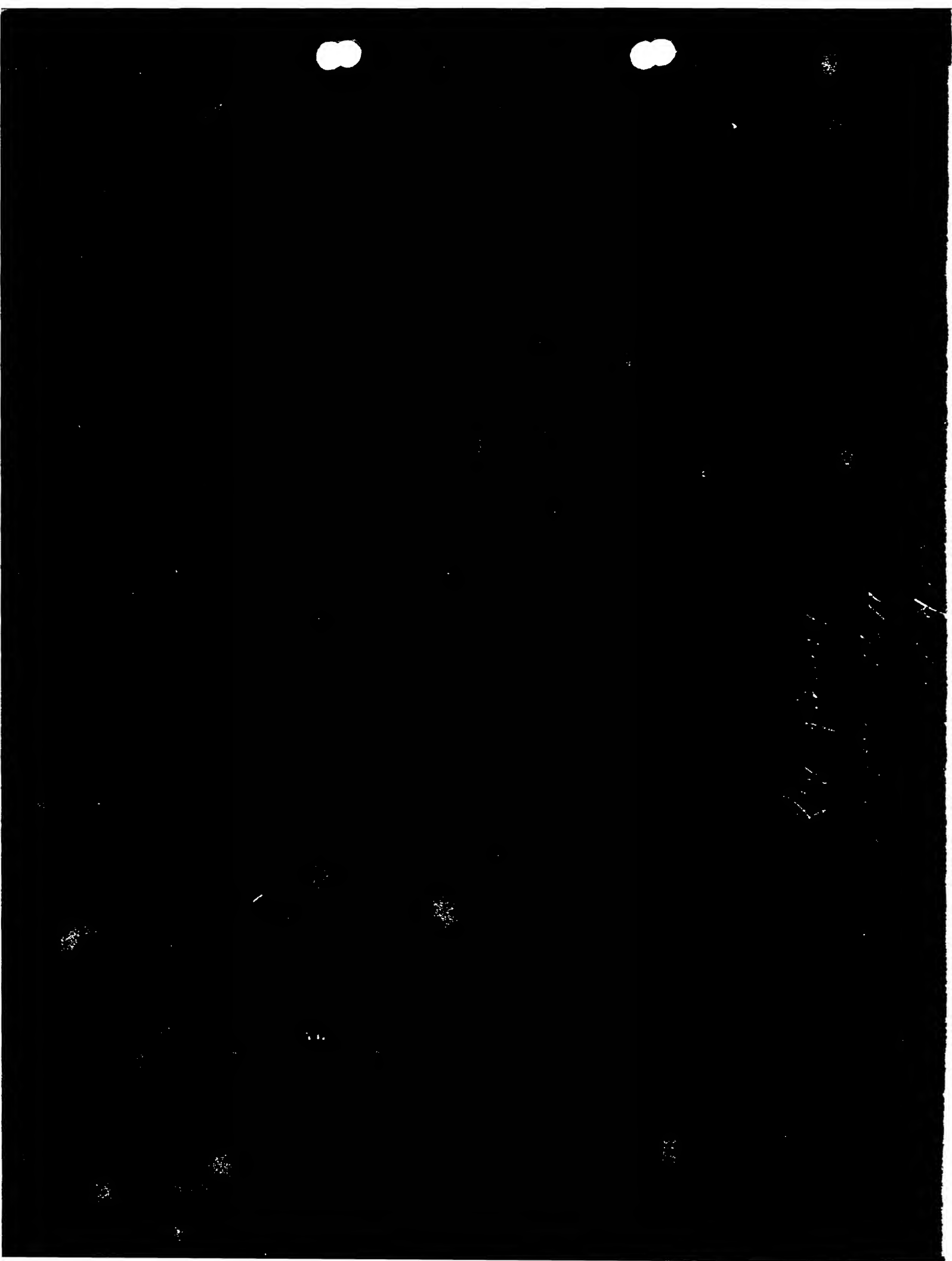
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JA/EA



BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

224 VENETIAN ARCADE BUILDING

MIAMI, FLORIDA

August 10-34

Dear Friend Luke

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I am no manager of the El Comodoro Hotel and that takes my time, as they have let it run it self for three years, how ever I am sure I will get some nice business this year, as it is a very nice place, in fact the beds are the best in town, we have 150 rooms each with a tub and shower, the location is not the best but not bad, we are just two blocks from the center of town.

By the way Luke if any of the mat is coming down it will be a great place for them and I might help them from time to time.

See the cat at the Hotel see if he can
give you some money. I will write as I
am anxious to see the place and see
in a position to give good rates.

If you are down to London see Paul
Hartman. He is the judge and see there
and see if he can't give you a job he
works for me in the winter time
see him I am anxious for you to get
on.

If you go down to Atlantic City see
Eddie Haseman, George Christie George
~~the book~~ Hasbach, now Hasbach
is my cousin. I am sure he can't do you
any good there but Haseman can see
Christie and the work for me and
will do any thing they can for me.

I am sure I will be up that way
for as long as I will try and get some
of the good Hasemen and trainees
to stop at the Hotel.

It will be the lower part of the cat I
will then come to New York.

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

224 VENETIAN ARCADE BUILDING

TELEPHONE 2 6028

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Duke would take care of you this winter -
so you have that off your mind, and
if I drive up there this fall you can
drive back with us.

Duke what is the Radio station up that
way, I would like to get on the air up there
this fall if it did not run into so much
money. I saw an ten men. three or four
times a week it might help.

Things are slow down here just now but
it is nice cool and a nice beach
will add time. let me hear from you
and please not take as long to answer -
this time. Give my regards to Gregg
and tell him we have no Radio down here
with kindness regards to you -

Robert

Joe

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

Dear Friend Luke!

There's no excuse for my delay in
answering your letter but I have been
too busy. The go those damn fools down here
are trying to close all day long but we
won't let them. They will get my piece
with it however. All those things makes you
get out and spend money.

Well Luke how would you like to
come down on my self I would be married
Thursday some 21 and I would like you to
be with me you could be there and have
a fine little girl and the people don't
know high here.

We will take a short trip to
the Mt. of Senn and return here in
three weeks for we will only leave you
from here to leave and I am always
glad to hear from you and I am looking
forward to what you will say to me.

and I will have a job for you - and
the "Radio Kid".

If I did not have so much to do here
on this track matter - I would drive up
your way but I can't unless
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man that I like any better than I remember
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write him when I return with my
kindness regards, Sam.

As ever, your friend,

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1935—FLORIDA AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION CARD—1935

Owner <u>Duke Randall</u>	P1	Tag No. <u>38656</u>
Street Address <u>El Comodoro Hotel</u>		
County <u>Dade</u> City <u>Miami</u>		FLORIDA
Date <u>1/14/35</u> Make of Car <u>Ford</u> Type <u>Coupe</u>		
Engine No. <u>18-1037480</u> Pass Capacity <u>5</u> Weight <u>2 - 3</u>		
T. C. No. <u>950615-A</u> Date Acquired <u>1934</u> Year Made <u>1934</u>		
Model <u>40</u> Serial No. <u>---</u> '34 Tag No. <u>202978</u>		
Use <u>Pri</u> No. Wheels <u>Wire</u> <u>5</u> lbs. @ <u>---</u> per cwt. \$ <u>---</u>		
Amt. Sent with Appn. \$ <u>10.00</u>		
Additional Paid \$ <u>---</u>		
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San Juan Hotel
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Mr. Duke
Mr. Duke

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING
 I wish you and me
 to be together, no matter
 how far we are. I hope
 to see you and everything
 of course - Love
 Maudie



POST CARD



Mr. DUKE
 MIAMI
 FLA



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June 27-30

Dear Friend Luke:

we are out in the country on a very beautiful lake with a good home and a good boat and the beach. The place are simply fine. I hit the boat about 4:30 and fish until 9:00 and gave back about a breakfast eat like a home and start out again at 10:00 and fish until 5:00. Day it is simply great. Now we will have for a little town called Eustachia. Sunday tomorrow and will be there for two days or two weeks then we will go back to Miami.

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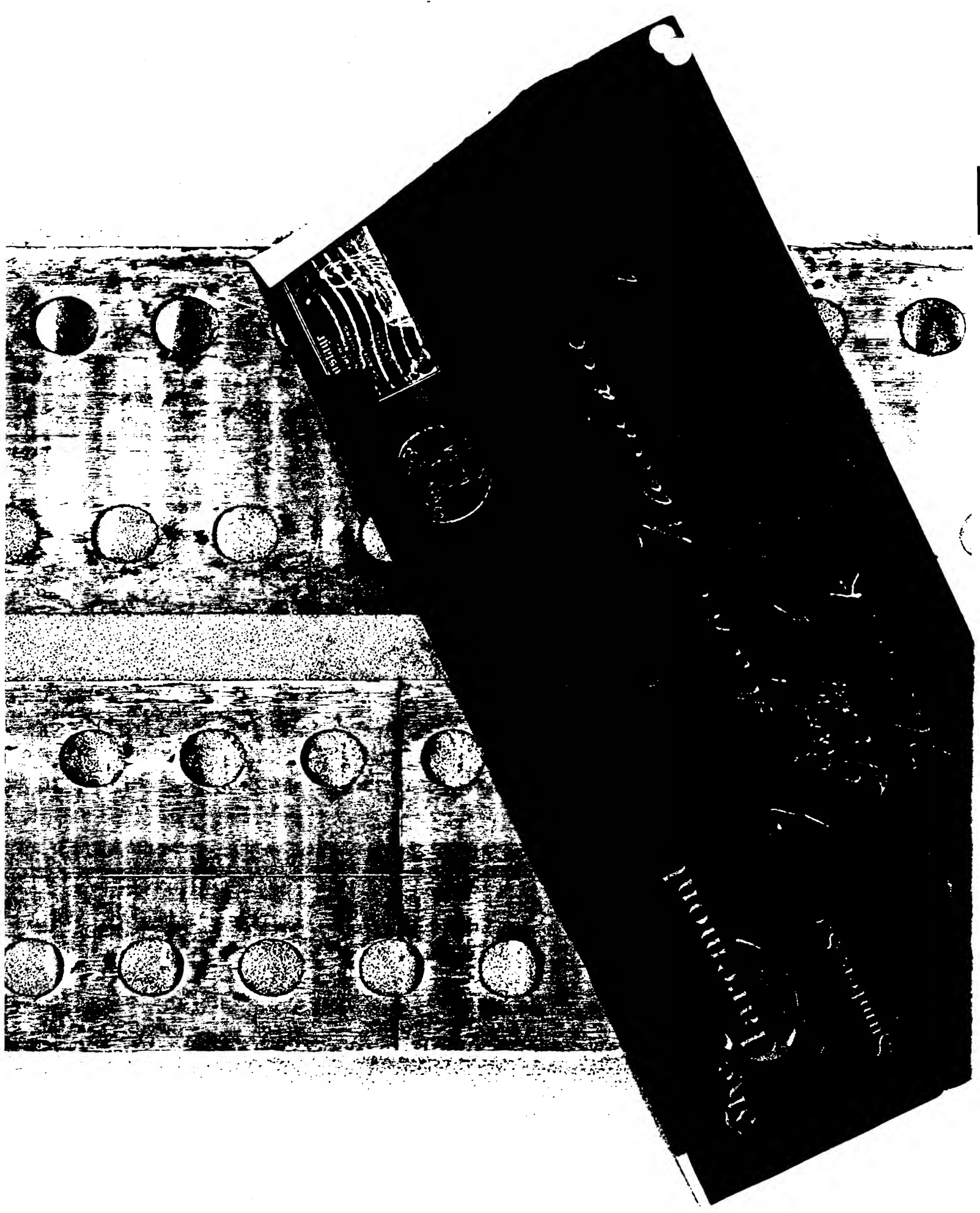
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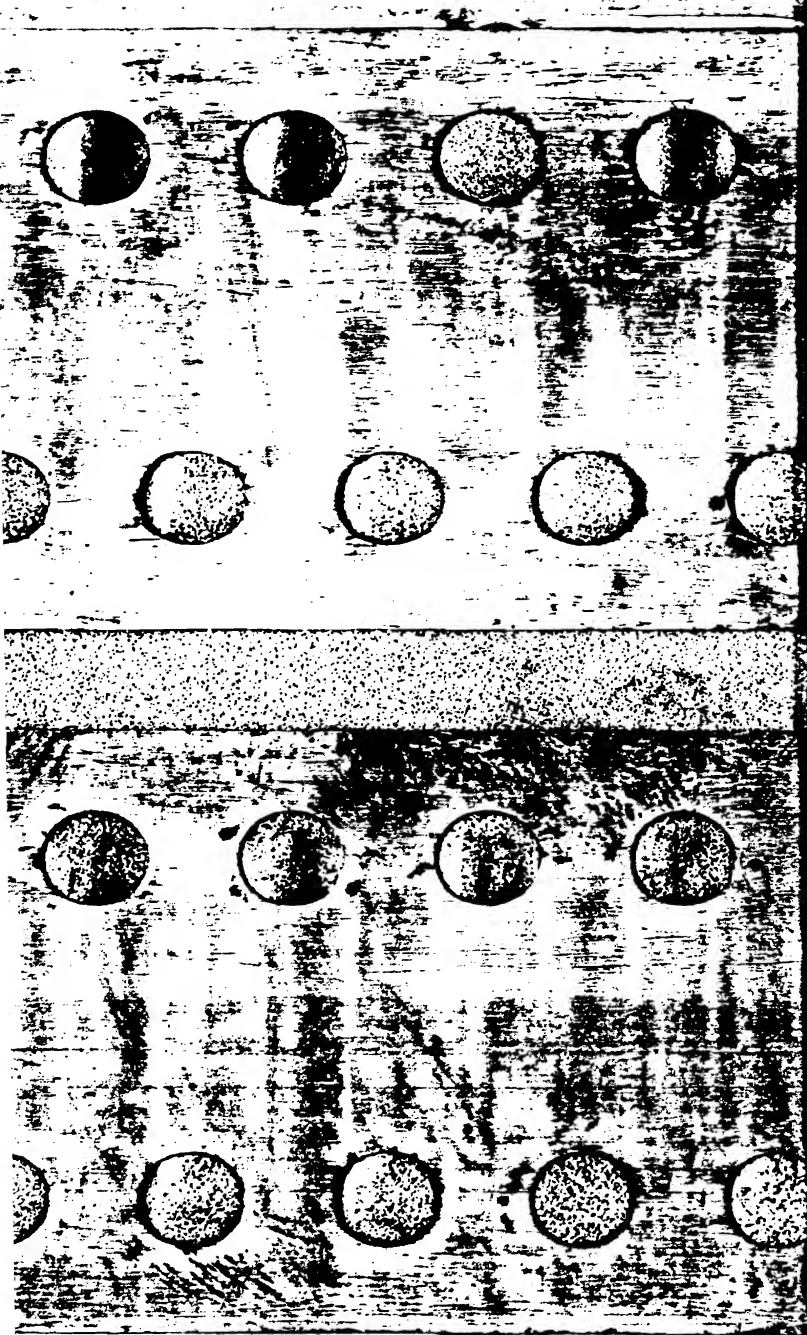
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W. K. L. L. L. L.
491 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

224 VENETIAN ARCADE BUILDING

TELEPHONE 2 6025

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August 13-34

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TELEPHONE 2-6028

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Over and over - let me hear from you
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I'll think give my regards to Gregg
and tell him we have no radio down here
and kindnesses and so on

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

714 FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Dear Friend Luke!

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter, but I have been on the go these damn fools down here are trying to close all dog tracks how ever I don't think they will get any place with it how ever all those things makes you get out and spend money.

Well Luke but I will give you some love down on my self I will be married Thursday June 21 and I will let you come here so you could be there. I will have a fine little girl and he proper stand very high here.

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As ever, your friend,
Duke

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

EAT:MC

August 8, 1937.

Time: -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: *O*BREMER CASE

With reference to the situation at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in this case, I called SAC Shivers at Miami advising him that the Bureau has some material to be made available to the State authorities and believes that Special Agent S. K. McKee is the man best fitted to go to the people concerned and discuss the matter with them. Mr. Shivers was informed of your desire that McKee come to the Bureau for the purpose of going over the files and preparing a memorandum of the material, subsequently going to Cleveland and Toledo, which would require about five or six days.

Mr. Shivers stated that Agent McKee can leave tonight by plane or train for this purpose, and he was advised that train would be suitable.

Respectfully,

EAT
E. A. TAMM.

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